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Mystery crash on M4 leaves pensioners dead and injured after British Legion day trip

10 killed as coach veers off motorway

By Michael Horsnell, Robin Young and Bill Frost

AT LEAST ten pensioners on a Royal British Legion day trip to Wales were killed and a further 20 injured last night after their coach careered off the M4 and plunged down an embankment near Bristol.

Hospitals alerted over 100 medical staff to cope with the accident, which occurred between the Severn Bridge and the Almondsbury interchange with the M5.

No other vehicle is thought to have been involved in the accident which happened when the single-decker vehicle with 29 passengers was heading up a long incline. The coach, built in 1986, landed on its roof. Two of the dead drowned in four feet of water in the ditch running alongside the motorway. The driver is thought to have been thrown clear and was last night in hospital.

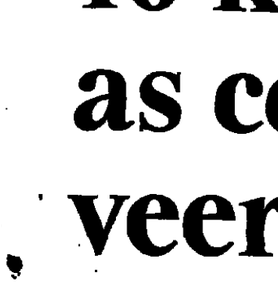
Department of Transport accident investigators were called to the scene. John Dando of Avon Fire Brigade said: "It is a quite horrific scene. In 15 years in the service I have never seen anything as bad. The coach left the carriageway about quarter of a mile from the Severn Bridge, rolled down an embankment and turned over into a culvert at the bottom.

"The motorway is quite straight, and it is impossible to tell what happened to make the vehicle leave the road. I think everybody on board must have suffered injuries. There are multiple fatalities, and many of those alive have suffered multiple injuries.

If a report ordered by Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, last night concludes seat belts would have saved some lives, the accident will make demands for the compulsory fitting of belts on all coaches impossible for the Government to resist.

Experts are agreed that the vast majority of coach crash deaths are caused by the victims being thrown about inside the coach or being thrown out, often being crushed by the vehicle as it turns over.

The Severn Bridge eastbound carriageway was closed and diversions were brought in to carry eastbound commuter traffic through Gloucester. Laguna, the Bournemouth-based coach operators, said last night: "It was a party from the British Legion returning from a day's shopping trip to Cardiff. We were hired for the day."



As evening rush hour traffic built up police appealed to westbound motorists to keep their distance and not to look over to the accident scene.

Numerous ambulances and an emergency back-up unit carrying an inflatable tent which can be used to treat casualties at the roadside, were involved in the huge rescue operation.

Most of the injured were taken to Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, where red alert procedures under the Avon major incident plan were implemented. Bristol Royal Infirmary and Southmead Hospital sent teams of doctors and nurses to the scene.

At the Royal British Legion club in Christchurch, old soldiers and their wives wept.

One said: "Some of the people on that coach fought for five years in the Second World War. The bullets and bombs never touched them. Now they have lost their lives on a day out."

Howard and Irene Hopkins booked to go on the day trip to a Cardiff brewery but changed their minds just before they were due to board the coach at 8am. Mrs Hopkins, 77, said: "We have just been away for two weeks to Newquay and we felt it would be a very tiring day out. It would have been a full coach, except for the two empty seats which we had booked."

As friends and relatives turned up at the British Legion club a local parish priest arrived to comfort them.

June Payne, deputy mayor of Christchurch, said: "A lot of families will be touched by this tragedy. The Royal British Legion forms a very close part of our community because they are such a big club."

A second coach outing went ahead from the British Legion Club in Christchurch last night as as news of the tragedy came through.

The driver was named as 38-year-old Steve Brown. Brian Gwynne, the owner of the company, which operates two single decker vehicles, was unavailable for comment.

Richard Thomas, from Bristol, who passed the scene just seconds after the accident, said: "It was absolutley horrific. There was a coach which had obviously left the carriagewqay. It had ploughed down a bank. It was upside down and its roof had caved in.

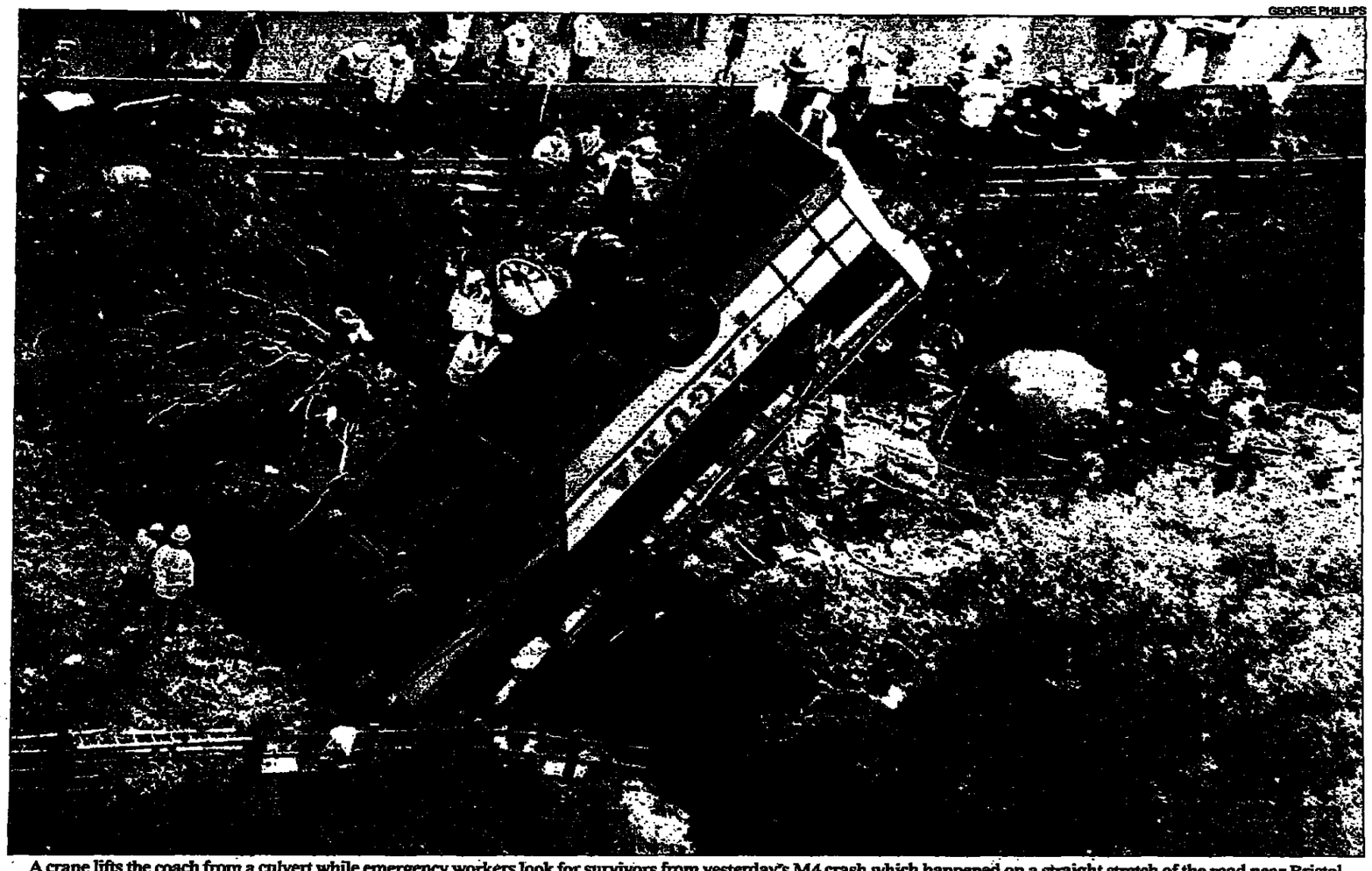
"I had never seen anything like it in my life. I hate to think what must have happened to the people inside."

A spokeswoman for the ambulance service said: "We received the call at 16.18, to the eastbound carriageway of the M4 about quarter of a mile from the Severn Bridge.

"We have taken casualties with multiple injuries to Frenchay and British Royal Infirmary hospitals with Southmead standing by on major incident alert. The driver of the coach is among those taken to Frenchay casualty department, but we have no other patient details or names at this stage.

"We put our major incident plan into operation and sent 11 accident and emergency ambulances, one paramedic motorbicycle, and seven officers. Senior managers and directors were brought into the control area."

A casualty bureau was been set up to handle calls from anxious members of the public on 01823 363080.



GEORGE PHILLIPS

A crane lifts the coach from a culvert while emergency workers look for survivors from yesterday's M4 crash which happened on a straight stretch of the road near Bristol

Ownership of media may be limited to 10%

By Alexandra Frean, Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

A RADICAL overhaul of media ownership rules is likely to limit any single owner to 10 per cent of the combined television, radio and newspaper marketplace.

The new rules proposed by the Government yesterday would effectively block expansion of the two biggest national press groups — News International, which owns *The Times* and four other newspapers, and Mirror Group, owner of the *Mirror* and *Independent* titles. Other groups will be able to buy independent television companies outright, providing they do not end up with more than 15 per cent of all viewers.

Although News International, which also owns a 40 per cent stake in the satellite television company BSkyB, will not initially be required to sell any of its interests, the company reacted angrily to the policy document published by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday.



Dorrell: announced major shakeup for British media

It said the proposals represented the "old vested and often unsuccessful" interests of Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, Pearson, owner of the *Financial Times*, and Carlton Communications, owner London's weekday ITV company.

"The message is stop investing in expansion and increase prices to hold back circulations," a News International statement said. It did not expect that the proposals would have an immediate effect on its business, but added: "News International will have to consider its position with regard to loss-making newspapers which augment its percentage of the market but not its profits. And BSkyB will eventually have to say to the cable companies that it can no longer provide programming which has driven the cable market so successfully.

"Of course there are many questions to be answered and we hope for a constructive dialogue with this supposedly free enterprise pro-competition Government."

The loss-making paper is understood to be the tabloid *Today*, whose circulation has slipped by nearly eight per cent in the past year.

Mr Dorrell, denied at a news conference that the proposals had been framed with any one owner in mind, saying: "I don't think that it's right to develop public policy with your eyes too firmly set on a single company or personality." And he later told the Commons that he did not propose "a dramatic change to Rupert Murdoch's business or anybody else's business".

But ministerial sources said the Cabinet was fully aware that the measures would constrain the Murdoch empire's ability to grow, and Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke are both understood to have wanted a higher threshold.

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Lloyd's offers names £2.8bn

Lloyd's of London has announced further losses of £1.2 billion and offered £2.8 billion to 31,000 names to compensate them for insurance losses of £8 billion.

The offer was welcomed by the names, who rejected £900 million in May 1993. The loss relates to 1992, when the market was hit by claims for Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki and City bombings ..... Page 23

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Mansell dropped by McLaren

Nigel Mansell was yesterday dropped by McLaren Mercedes for the rest of the Formula One season, increasing the belief that the 1992 world champion will now retire from the sport after winning 31 Grands Prix, more than any other British driver ... Pages 42, 44



Mansell: he may now retire from racing

Labour condemns lottery operator over £15m profit

By Jon Ashworth

CAMELOT GROUP, the National Lottery operator, came under renewed attack yesterday, after claims that it was earning up to £1 million a week for its services. Labour called for full disclosure of profits, as Oflot, the regulator, said it had no plans to cap Camelot's earnings.

The storm over profits comes at a time of growing disquiet over the impact of the National Lottery. Cinemas, the pools companies, and High Street retailers, claim to be losing business. Small charities say donations are dwindling, and there are reports of addiction among players.

Figures to be released next month will show that Camelot made a pretax profit of £15 million to £20 million in the first 20 weeks of operation. Ticket sales reached £1 billion, leaving Camelot with a reputed £90 million — or 9 per cent of turnover — to cover operating costs and profits.

Oflot said it could not cap Camelot's earnings without seeking an amendment to the operator's licence. A skew towards higher earnings in the early stages boosted Camelot's revenue in the 20 weeks to end March, but the percentage take is thought to have tailed off since then. As sales increase, the return to Camelot goes down, leaving it with an average take of 5 per cent over the seven-year period of its licence.

Peter Davis, director-general of the National Lottery, awarded the licence to Camelot last May after an eight-horse race. Camelot undertook to retain the lowest percentage of sales to cover costs and profit, giving it a clear edge over its rivals. However, the lottery's success appears to have caught Camelot and Oflot by surprise.

Neither expected the weekly on-line jackpot to exceed £2 million. The further unexpected success of the Instants scratch-card game has boosted sales to £105 million a week.

Speculation over earnings failed to dampen prospects for the members of the Camelot consortium. Shares in Cadbury Schweppes closed at 462p, a gain of 16p over two days. Shares in De La Rue, the security printer, rose 2p to 940p, while Racal Electronics saw its shares rise 2p to 260p.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, said Oflot should demand a monthly breakdown of Camelot's profit and expenditure. "Oflot should insist on Camelot issuing figures month by month. It seems to be Camelot alone who decides where the money is going," he said.

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MPs' silence speaks louder than any acronym



Banks: major admirer

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

YEAR by year, parliamentarians succumb more completely to the tyranny of jargon. *Hansard* from 1895 would be comprehensible to any reader with a sound grasp of English, but in our era such obscure terms of government and economics creep in that large stretches yield no meaning, except to civil servants and specialist journalists.

To enter the chamber is to enter a surreal world in which the landscape and costume are archaic, and the vocabulary science-fiction: a Gothic half-world, suspended in cyberspace. SSSAs, ERDFs and Tecs loom out of the fog, while opt-outs, opt-ins and set-asides prowl. Yesterday a mysterious person called "DGFT" was referred to frequently by the Heritage Secretary. Stephen Dorrell was telling MPs about what was called "cross media ownership". The media certainly are cross — mostly with the Government — and, if Mr Dorrell knows how to deal with the ownership of the cross media, the PM could yet be saved. No such plan was announced.

Bafflement had begun earlier when I entered the gallery for Education Questions. A Labour MP (Plymouth's David Jamieson) was telling education ministers that "caps should be raised".

Heartened to hear that schoolboys still wear caps, I silently cheered Mr Jamieson's reminder about the need to raise them. But Gillian Shephard replied that "caps" should not be raised. I was out of my depth again.

Feelings of inadequacy receded when it became clear that MPs' apparent expertise was partly bluff. Complaining about the assisted places scheme under which the State helps bright but poorer children with school fees, an Opposition spokesman, Bryan Davies, claimed that if this scheme were scrapped the money saved would fund "5,000 extra teachers".

He had overlooked the extra pupils they would have to teach. MPs become so absorbed in a world of tables and acronyms that they forget that flesh-and-blood children are involved. Some of these may even wear caps. Some may even raise them. Or am I unrealistic?

Prime Minister's Questions was strange in a different way. John Major seemed to be getting on better with the Labour Party than Tony Blair does, but meeting a wall of silence from his own side.

The PM dealt briskly with a question from Mr Blair. Though he (humorously) alleged a "disjunction" between what Labour say and what they do, he went some way towards satisfying Blair's demands over Nolan. He engaged in good-natured banter with Ken Livingstone (Brent E). Then Labour's Tony Banks (Newham NE) teased the Prime Minister, and the PM joshed him back. It was all rather good natured. When Banks said he was "one of the Prime Minister's admirers", he actually meant it. Contrast that with Major's refusal properly to answer a veiledly hostile question from the Tories' Euro-sceptical Bernard Jenkin (Colchester N); the hint of irritation in his wooden response to a couple of his own, inept, backbench poodles; and the complete silence of the whole of the Government backbenches as their PM declared his support for Lord Nolan's proposals. And mark the weedy cheers Tony Blair received from Labour, as he entered.

There were deeper disjunctions here than any acronym can convey, or the media acknowledge. Not cross, just baffled.

Fourteen protesters taken off Brent Spar in dawn raid but leader avoids detection

Security men storm oil platform held by Greenpeace

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

REUTER



Security men and Shell employees being lowered to the disused oil platform by crane at dawn yesterday

A HUNT through the bowels of the obsolete Brent Spar oil platform began last night as police and oilmen braved flares and smoke canisters to track down the remaining Greenpeace protesters.

The search followed a dawn raid by 15 Grampian policemen, sheriff officers and staff from Shell, the owners of the platform. They were swung aboard Brent Spar's barricaded heli-deck by crane from the support vessel *Stadive* moored alongside.

The activists, who occupied the platform three weeks ago in protest at plans to dump it in the Atlantic, tried in vain to push the crane basket away. Within ten minutes the first of them was winched to the *Stadive* and by the end of the afternoon 14 protesters and six journalists had been removed.

It was not known how many demonstrators were still on board the Brent Spar last night. Two were visible, perched on cranes and Jon Castle, the Greenpeace leader, had not been found. Shell secured warrants for his arrest last week but he and others may be barricaded in accommodation and engineering sections of the 462ft North Sea platform, which is moored 116 miles east of Shetland. One man was also clinging to a home-made tower near the helipad and another was on another tower near by.

A spokesman for Shell, whose staff were carrying out the search using breathing apparatus, said yesterday: "We are conducting a controlled examination of the lower levels of which there are quite a number."

He said the protesters had given only "passive resistance although we have had reports that flares and smoke cannisters were set off as staff moved through the accommodation areas."

The lower submerged levels, including six giant storage tanks, can be accessed by stairs and ladders. Shell have warned Greenpeace not to descend too far amid fears there may be deadly build-ups of hydrogen sulphide and other gases. Sue Cooper, a spokeswoman for the environmental group in London, said yesterday: "They have had three weeks to plan what to do so they have not been taken by surprise.

"I hope they will not put themselves at uneccessary risk ... but they are all volunteers and are very committed to stopping the dumping taking place."

Shell has been given a licence by the Department of Trade and Industry to dispose of the platform at one of three deep-water sites in the Atlantic, saving the company several million pounds and the taxpayer around £30 million.

Greenpeace claims the platform is riddled with radioactive and heavily contaminated sludges and sands which could poison fish.

Most scientists dispute their claims but others are concerned that the dumping of the Brent Spar could be a precedent for deep-sea dumping of up to 400 other rigs and platforms.

Madeleine Cobbing, North Sea campaigner for Greenpeace, said last night that the Brent Spar was a symbol of Britain's cavalier attitude to polluting the North Sea. Ministers from the eight countries bordering the sea meet in Esbjerg, Denmark, on June 8, to review the progress of a 10-year clean-up operation.

The three week sit-in means that the Brent Spar is unlikely to be stripped and dumped by the time ministers meet, making it a political embarrassment for the Government. It is determined to ditch Britain's "dirty man of Europe" tag at the conference by claiming it has made admirable progress in cutting discharges of heavy metals and toxins.

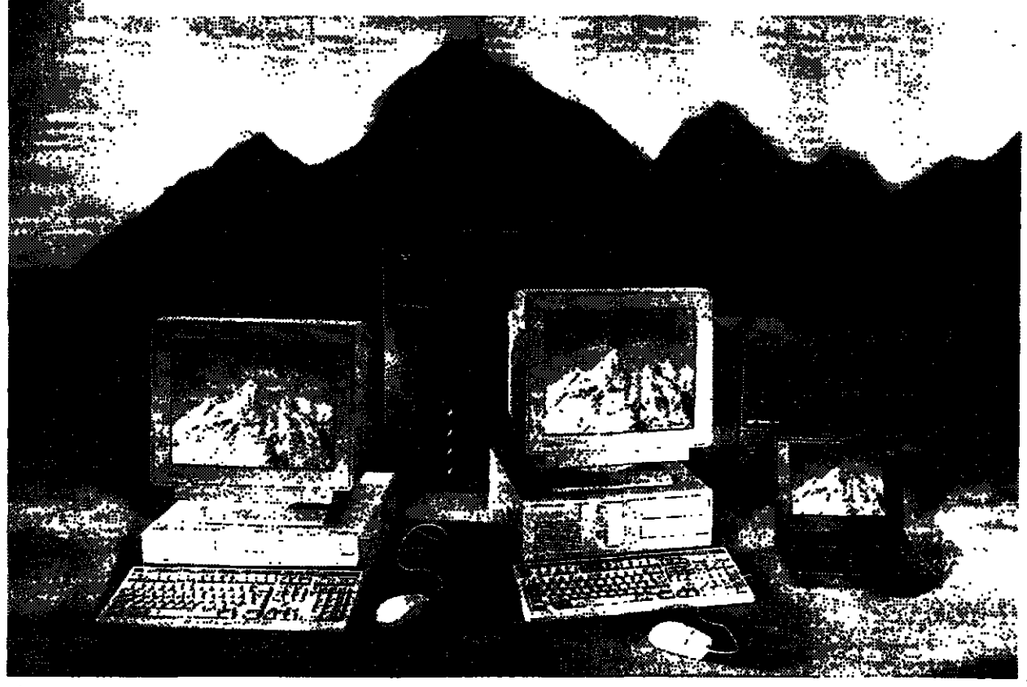
John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has sought to put the blame for harming the North Sea on Denmark's two-million-tons-a-year sand eel fishery.

But the Greenpeace action has allowed the Danes to retaliate by accusing Britain of being the worst polluter.

Dick Parker, Shell's director of production, said yesterday that they had evicted the protesters under the Mineral Workings Act. The police had been needed merely to ensure fair play. No arrests were made.

He said the company would have discussions with the Government to close legal loopholes that allow protesters to hijack platforms.

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Major seeks swift action on Nolan

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN MAJOR suggested yesterday that a new Commons committee could produce a report before the summer recess on how to implement Lord Nolan's recommendations on the conduct of MPs.

The Prime Minister said that he expected the committee to make rapid progress but stopped short of backing the controversial plan to force MPs to declare the size of their earnings, preferring to leave that for the House to decide.

Pro-Nolan MPs are certain, however, that there there will be a Commons majority in favour of earnings being declared, which is the proposal most disliked by a substantial number of Tory MPs.

Mr Major told Tony Blair that taking the right action on the Nolan report was vital to the future of the House.

Mr Blair welcomed his assurance as proof that the committee "will look at how but not whether the recommendations are implemented".

Mawhinney risks defeat over aid

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN MAWHINNEY set the Government on course for conflict with Parliament yesterday over compensation for homeowners on proposed routes of the Channel Tunnel rail link.

The Transport Secretary defied tradition by rejecting the findings of Parliament's ombudsman that civil servants behaved incorrectly in refusing compensation claims. His rejection of the ombudsman's call for compensation in exceptional cases raised the prospect of a Tory rebellion. Conservative MPs are leading the campaign for compensation for people with homes or businesses whose value has collapsed, or who claim their health has suffered because of disruption caused by the planned rail link through Kent.

Dr Mawhinney astonished MPs by insisting that the Government would not accept the conclusion of William Reid, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, that officials had failed to deal properly with five sample complaints and that compensation should be payable. Dr Mawhinney was appearing before the Select Committee of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. If the committee supports the ombudsman, MPs will be asked to vote on the issue. With several Conservatives in the South East angered by the Government's delays in deciding the route of the rail link, ministers could face defeat.

Although hundreds of people receive compensation for disruption caused by big transport projects, Dr Mawhinney is opposing calls for financial help to account for the exceptional circumstances surrounding the rail link.

The ombudsman claims that householders in Essex, Kent and East Sussex had been affected unnecessarily by the decision to suggest four routes for the rail link.

Media ownership rules

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Mr Dorrell said yesterday that the proposals, to be introduced in two stages, were designed to prevent the concentration of media ownership in too few hands and to permit British companies to expand at home and compete abroad.

Stage one, to be introduced in legislation in the autumn, will allow print groups owning less than 20 per cent of national newspaper circulation to buy independent television companies. This excludes News International and Mirror Group, which have 37 and 26 per cent of circulation respectively. No newspaper group will be allowed to own more than 15 per cent of the total audience.

ITV companies will be able to buy newspaper groups, but will be limited to two regional licences.

These new rules will themselves be swept away during the next Parliament — assuming there is no change of Government — by stage two of the proposals, which will introduce the 10 per cent ceiling on overall market share.

The policy document received a mixed reaction last night, and MPs of all parties were surprised by the decision to fix the total market share threshold at 10 per cent.

The figure was settled by an ad hoc Cabinet committee after what was seen as a battle between "the small man and the big man". One insider said: "You could be surprised that a Tory Government goes against Heseltine and the people who believe in free and open competition. But for the people below Murdoch it is good news. The Government feels its proposals will please the likes of Michael Green and Michael Grade (the heads of Carlton Communications and Channel 4.)

"People fear Murdoch. He's too powerful. He has lots of clout and the Brits do not like too much clout associated with one person."

Chris Smith, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, gave a general welcome to the approach of looking across the media. Tony Blair believes that competition has been good for the media and sources close to him said he would regard it as a tragedy if the *Today* newspaper folded.

The Mirror Group said the proposed rules would not hinder its plans for diversification, and Michael Green of Carlton said they would enable companies like his to expand their television interests and increase revenue from programme sales.

Sir David English, chairman of Associated Newspapers, which publishes the *Daily Mail*, said the proposals were absolutely right.

But Tom O'Malley, of the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom, said the proposals would lead to less choice and diversity.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PM backs service chiefs on gays ban

John Major backed service chiefs yesterday in their opposition to letting known homosexuals into the Armed Forces. He told MPs that the Government had no intention of changing the law. "Service chiefs have made their view clear on this matter and I share their view."

A legal challenge to the services' ban on homosexuality was launched in the High Court last week. If successful it could trigger many compensation claims. Mr Major said that if the court did overturn the status quo, the matter would be brought back to the Commons before any decision were made.

Youth escapes

A teenager escaped from a special secure unit using keys that a social worker had left on a table. The youth, aged 15, from Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, let himself out of Sutton Place in Hull by opening four doors. Four social workers were on duty at the time and the unit is monitored by closed-circuit television. An inquiry has been started.

Gangster patrol

Merseyside Police will continue using armed patrols to deter Liverpool's "cowboy" gangsters after warning that criminals are exploiting a spate of shootings in the area to settle old scores. The shooting three weeks ago of David Ungi, 35, who was involved with a predominantly white gang in Toxteth, has prompted a series of tit-for-tat attacks.

End of Cavalier

Vauxhall is to change the name of its Cavalier model, familiar to drivers for 20 years, to Vectra, the name used on the Continent. The change by Vauxhall — part of the General Motors group — follows a trend that turned the company's Carlton and Senator into the Omega and Ford's Granada into the Scorpio and its Sierra into the Mondeo.

Art squad plan

Scotland Yard is inviting police in the world's big art auction centres to join an international arts and antiques squad to be based in London. Officers say that international criminals are using works of art to fund drug trafficking and launder cash. Funding for the computer technology needed could be provided by insurance companies.

Sikh collapses

Harbhajan Birdi, 57, a Sikh security guard who claimed Group 4 operated a racist employment policy, collapsed from a suspected heart attack on the second day of an industrial tribunal case at Croydon, south London. Mr Birdi, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, says he was rejected for a job under his name but accepted for interview under the false one of John Smith.

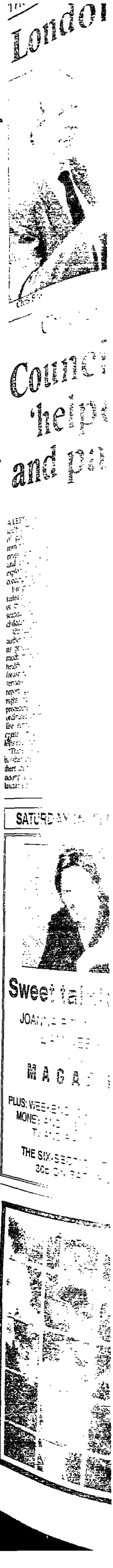
Chelsea opening

South Africa and Australia, whose rugby teams clash tomorrow in the opening match of the World Cup, met in more sedate rivalry yesterday with spectacular neighbouring stands as the Chelsea Flower Show opened to the public. The South African display includes the palmlike *Cycad Encephalartos Woodii*, thought to be as old as the dinosaurs.

Animal magic

Yakwanza, a silver-backed gorilla at Jersey Zoo, has finally made a female gorilla pregnant after a two-year reluctance to mate. Richard Johnstone-Scott, head of the ape section, said: "Young females were soliciting Yakwanza quite outrageously, but he did not seem to know quite what to do." The female, Hiala Kahilli, will give birth next January.

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London Marathon organisers win £1m libel award


ROBIN MAYES

Chris Brasher, left, and John Disley celebrate their victory

By Kathryn Knight

THE organisers of the London Marathon accepted a £1.1 million libel payment yesterday from Channel 4 and *New Statesman and Society* magazine over allegations that they used the event to enrich themselves.

Chris Brasher and John Disley, both former Olympic runners who set up the marathon in 1980, said after the settlement was announced in the High Court that they had been "totally vindicated" by the four-year libel action and denounced their "trial by television".

They are to be awarded joint damages in excess of £380,000, believed to be the most awarded against a television company. The rest of the award will cover costs.

After the hearing, Mr Brasher criticised Michael Grade, the head of Channel 4, for wasting public money by "succumbing to the great British disease of knocking people". Allegations that the marathon organisers had profited from the success of what is now Britain's largest athletic participation event first appeared in *New Statesman and Society* in July 1990 in an article by Duncan Campbell. This was followed by Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme in March 1991, presented by Mr Campbell, who has completed the marathon three times.

The programme's report was submitted to the Inland Revenue, the fraud squad and the Charities Commission, which started an investigation into the sportsmen's financial affairs and found no evidence of financial mismanagement.

At the High Court yesterday George Carman, QC, told Mr Justice Waller that Mr Brasher and Mr Disley were men of distinction who had shown a great commitment to sport over their lifetime. Michael Skrein, for Channel 4, and Geoffrey Bindman, solicitor for *New Statesman and Society*, said they now accepted that the programme and article contained allegations that were wrong. Channel 4 is to broadcast an unreserved apology after tonight's *Dispatches*.

Mr Brasher said afterward the hearing that he had been "assassinated" by the *Dispatches* programme, which he watched with his wife on the night of its broadcast. "We had been tried on TV and found guilty," he said.

He condemned Michael Grade for burdening government departments with unnecessary work. "There was no substance in any of their allegations. They have caused public money to be spent unnecessarily. Four years ago they assured the court that they could justify all their charges — now they acknowledge that they cannot do so."

He said that he did not expect a personal apology from Michael Grade but hoped that in future Mr Grade may "contribute some money towards great sporting occasions rather than succumbing to the great British disease of knocking people".

Mr Disley said that their years as sportsmen had helped them over what had been a stressful four years. "We have suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune of competitive sport, which I think made us resilient." They will continue to help to organise the marathon, which has attracted more than 300,000 participants over 15 years and raised £60 million for charity. Mr Brasher said: "The runners ... now know that it is not only the best marathon in the world but that it is also run fairly and honestly."

Channel 4 declined to comment on the libel action. Stephen Platt, editor of *New Statesman and Society*, said that the magazine managers had been prepared for the result. "We had budgeted for the settlement and so we are not faced with imminent financial crises."

Duncan Campbell, who was not in court to hear the settlement, said that it had been dictated by a group of Lloyd's libel insurance brokers. "The insurers were not interested in the issues of the case or with Channel 4's reputation or editorial integrity. They instructed the lawyers not to prepare to defend the case, and they hoped to spend as little as possible," he said.

"It has always been my wholehearted view that the London marathon is an excellent event, and I hope to run it again. I am happy to hear that Chris Brasher was drinking champagne. The libel insurers should be drinking vinegar."

Children in care exploited

Council's PC bias 'helped pimps and paedophiles'

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

A LEFT-WING council's politically correct policies in favour of gays, women and ethnic minorities helped paedophile rings, pimps, drug dealers and child pornographers to exploit children in care, according to a report yesterday.

Islington Borough Council's failed policies mean that some of those responsible for the scandal are still working in childcare today.

Although the north London authority has totally revised its procedures and is "in a much more robust state of health", Ian White, the Oxfordshire director of social services who compiled the report, gave a warning last night that politically correct procedures and badly coordinated efforts to decentralise services were likely to create similar serious problems elsewhere.

"There is a fair chance that in other areas of the country there are timebombs like this ticking away," he said. "A laudable policy, implemented badly, results in the seeds of doom being sown."

Islington has now recommended that all other authorities employing its former staff check their history with the Department of Health. The report emphasises, however, that only a small number of paedophiles are ever convicted, so the chances of their names appearing on the department register are slim.

The report suggests that the Home Office should pool police and social service information about suspects in children's homes, education and the youth service.

The independent report, commissioned by Islington into its own childcare department, found that between 1982 and 1992 allegations of criminal behaviour and misconduct by staff were not thoroughly examined, because "managers believed they would not be supported if they triggered disciplinary investigations involving staff from ethnic minorities or the gay community. It cannot be a coincidence that of the 32 staff a number fall within that group."

This positive bias towards certain groups became "unfair protection and a great danger". Many staff were originally recruited with minimum checks because the council had positive discrimination in favour of minorities and could not insist on references from previous employers or challenge the status of a referee, who might be a close personal friend.

At the same time as the minority groups were helped to find jobs, there was "no strong ethos of promoting children's rights and protecting children at risk".

On top of that the council had set about decentralising its child care services, which meant that unqualified people were put in charge of them. That resulted in "a demoralised management system, unsupported and with fragmented leadership ... staffed by people not from a social services background ... Clearly such an organisation becomes a recipe for disaster."

All this led to the creation of a "weak, ineffective organisation which was set up by individuals to feed off for their own advantage: it was paralysed by equal opportunity and race issues".

Although Mr White was unable to check the abuse stories, he found that chaotic organisation had bred the conditions for dangerous and negligent practices. "The possibility that many of the allegations made were true remains."

Since suspect staff were not properly investigated, they were able to look for jobs elsewhere without any stain on their characters. "As a consequence the possibility remains that staff engaged in abusive behaviour are now working elsewhere."

Of the 32 staff named in a confidential appendix to the report, the only one employed by the council still working in childcare was suspended yesterday. Two of the others were dismissed earlier after disciplinary procedures, five left on health grounds before disciplinary action was concluded, one was dismissed and just one faced a charge of child abuse. Ten of the remainder resigned or took early retirement. Some of those obtained improved benefits and all of them had a clean record.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Paul Ince and his wife Clare arriving for the trial in Croydon yesterday

Fan's convictions listed at trial of England footballer

By Richard Duce

THE football fan who claims he was hit by the Manchester United and England player Paul Ince has convictions for soccer violence dating back 25 years, a court heard yesterday.

Ince, the 27-year-old midfielder, is alleged to have punched Dennis Warren on the nose moments after the incident in which his United colleague Eric Cantona kicked another spectator at the Crystal Palace ground in south London during a match in January.

Under cross-examination at Croydon Magistrates' Court by Henri Brandman, defending Ince, it emerged that Mr Warren, 48, a dustman, had three times been fined after incidents at football grounds. Mr Warren was also banned for three months by the Surrey Football Association for making abusive remarks from the touchline during a game.

Jeffery McCann, for the prosecution, claims that after Cantona's flying kick on January 25, Ince was one of several United players who ran towards the scene. Cantona had been sent off and sections of the crowd were shouting abuse at him. Mr McCann said that Ince was "beckoning" to the crowd and that he swore, shouting: "Come on then, we'll take the lot of you."

The court was told that Mr Warren, who had come down from the 13th row, was then punched once by Ince and fell backwards.

Ince, of Bramhall, Manchester, denies assaulting Mr Warren and using threatening words or behaviour likely to provoke the immediate use of unlawful violence.

Ince, who is black, later told police he had not been subject to racial abuse by the crowd. Mr Warren told the court the only taunt he made was: "You're a joke and your team's a joke." Mr Warren said: "There was one blow on the side of the nose."



Dennis Warren

Mr Brandman produced a list of Mr Warren's previous convictions which began in 1969 when he was fined £20 after fighting.

Mr Warren admitted that he should not have come down to the front of the stand because it had led to the ensuing trouble.

Mr Brandman told him: "You were looking for trouble. You were not hit by my client and you didn't fall to the ground." Mr Warren replied: "I'm not on trial here, you raked all that [his past] up."

The magistrates were shown video footage of the alleged incident showing Mr Warren moving to the front of the stand.

Eight spectators were called as prosecution witnesses. Some claimed to have seen Ince land the blow; others said they could only see him shouting and gesticulating. The trial continues.

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Villagers kick out unloved massage parlour

By Robin Young

RESIDENTS of a village mentioned in the Domesday Book have succeeded in expelling an unwelcome addition to rural services: a massage parlour and suspected brothel set up in a barn near the local hairdresser's.

The 900 residents of Orwell, Cambridgeshire, were incensed when advertisements started to appear in the personal columns of local newspapers, offering massage services and therapeutic reliefs and giving an Orwell telephone number. Some residents received misdialled requests for services that they considered too indelicate to describe in detail.

Customers in the hairdresser's saw men arriving at the house next door, complaints were made to the parish council and at least eight villagers wrote to the police. One letter was sent to Ben Gunn, Cambridgeshire Chief Constable, and then circulated in the community. But before a police surveillance operation could be set up the tenants of the barn had disappeared.

The chairman of the parish council, Gordon Lines, 70, a retired quantity surveyor, said yesterday that it was a victory for the residents of his close-knit community, where support for both Church and Chapel is strong. "We only have the hairdresser's, a village store and the pub," he said, "but we definitely did not want services of this nature in a nice, quiet village like this. Everyone was horrified.

"The parish council discussed the subject at its last meeting but, before any formal action could be taken, the matter had already been sorted out by the villagers. People-power closed it down, by letting them know what people thought and that the police had been informed."

Sergeant Tony Hall, who investigated the villagers' complaints, said: "We took the matter very seriously. We have spoken to local people and it was fairly common knowledge what was happening. Men were turning up regularly.

"Villagers did the right thing by drawing our attention to this."

A villager, David Miller, said Orwell had a tradition going back hundreds of years of making sure people kept in line. "There is a large Methodist community here now. Dating back to the 17th century there were the Muggletonians, a religious group who maintained a strong hold."



Whitehead: kept diary

Driver's wife is offered £15,000

By Lin Jenkins and Emma Wilkins

A MOTHER freed on appeal after lying to police about her husband's car accident kept a diary of the three days she spent in Holloway jail to avoid thinking about her three young children.

Patricia Whitehead, 32, who had claimed she was driving when her husband hit a motorcyclist, is considering making her account public after beign offered up to £15,000 by newspapers.

As she discussed options with her lawyers yesterday, the motorcyclist injured in the accident last August condemned the Court of Appeal's decision to quash Mrs Whitehead's two-month sentence. Robert Pearce, 28, from Bristol, who suffered minor injuries to his foot, said: "I think she should have stayed in prison because she lied."

Mrs Whitehead, a Cub Scout pack assistant from Brockenhurst, Hampshire, was reunited with Ian, nine, Christian, seven, and Alexander, five, on Monday at their grandparents' home on the Isle of Wight. After an emotional telephone call to her husband in prison, Mrs Whitehead left the house through a gap in the garden hedge — evading a group of reporters outside.

Her mother-in-law Lavinia, 74, said: "David is really pleased that she is out and she was pleased to speak to him on the phone. She was very tired because she did not sleep while she was in prison and David has said that he is the same. But she is feeling better and she slept quite well."

Mr Whitehead is serving four months in Winchester prison for perverting the course of justice. His lawyers are considering an application to the Court of Appeal.

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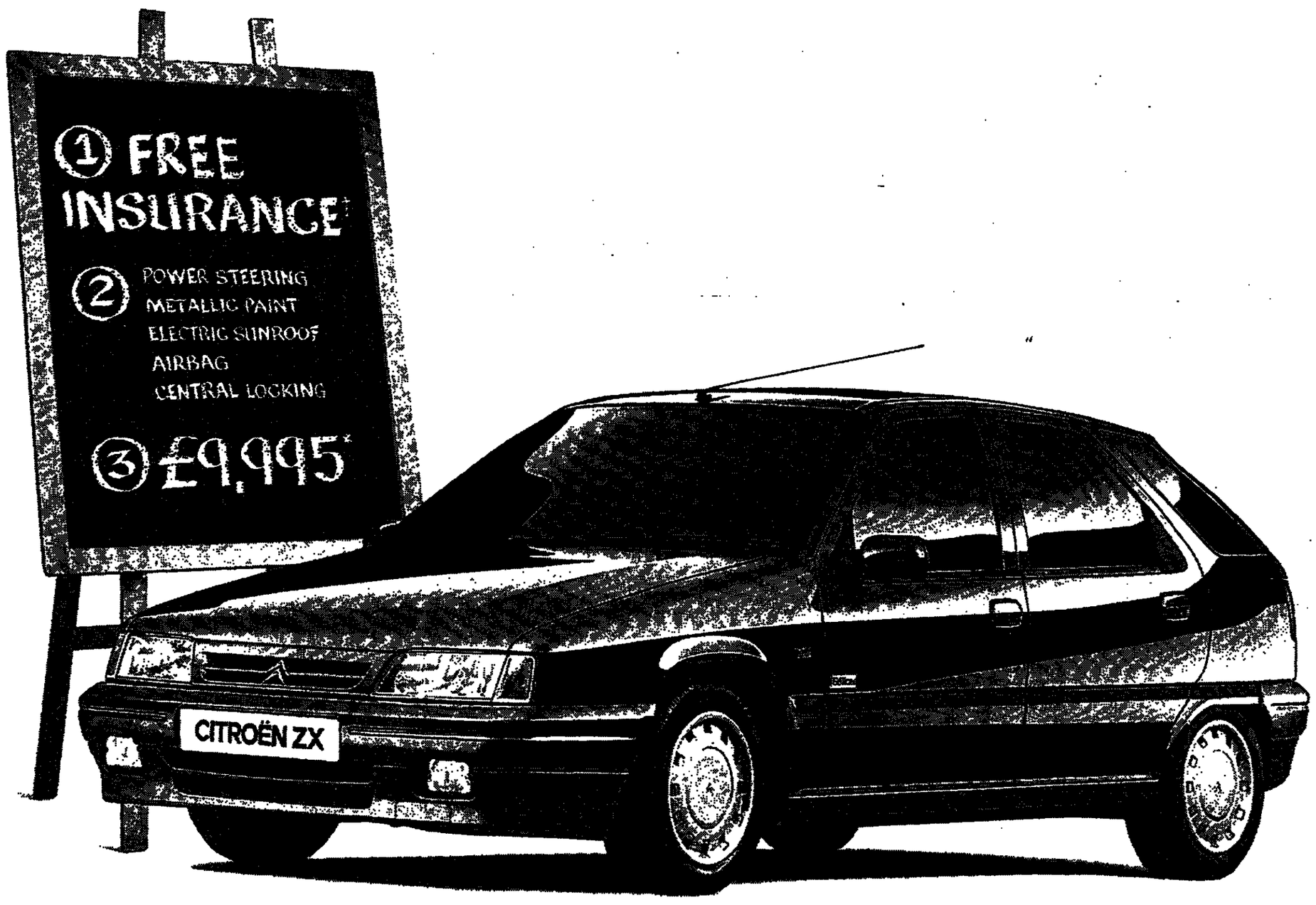
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Woman passenger goes home after surviving operation in row 53 of economy class

Jumbo jet surgeon tells how he saved tourist at 35,000ft

BY JEREMY LAURANCE AND ROBIN YOUNG

THE woman whose life was saved in an emergency operation with a coat-hanger on board a jumbo jet flying at 35,000ft left hospital yesterday after doctors said she was doing well.

Pauline Dixon, who collapsed with a punctured lung after being injured in a motorcycle accident on her way to catch the flight from Hong Kong, was described yesterday by one of her saviours as "an ideal patient".

Mrs Dixon, 39, a mother of three from Aberdeen, would probably have died if she had caught the plane on which she was originally booked and the two doctors had not been been aboard to help.

Brian Ellis, consultant surgeon at Ashford Hospital, west London, where Mrs Dixon was taken on arrival at Heathrow on Sunday, said: "Without their action they would have been taking a corpse off that plane."

Professor Angus Wallace, an accident surgeon at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, who answered an appeal for help on BA flight 032 with Dr Tom Wong, a junior doctor at Stracathro Hospital, Tayside, performed the improvised surgery using cognac, a coat-hanger, a roll of Sellotape and a bottle of mineral water.

Yesterday, Professor Wallace described how he carried out the operation in row 53 of economy class. "The woman was complaining of a painful arm. We made a makeshift splint and made her comfortable but after 20 minutes she said she had a severe pain in the left side of her chest.

"I examined her again and found she had between two and three fractured ribs. Her left lung had collapsed and was pressing onto the right one. I knew the situation could easily deteriorate. I reckoned we had to operate within five minutes.

"I told her I was terribly sorry but I was going to have to operate. She just smiled and said go ahead.

"The air crew were marvellous. Soon we had constructed a makeshift operating theatre around her seat, pinning up blue and red blankets for privacy. From the on-board emergency medical kit we got scalpel, scissors and a urinary catheter tube. We needed to make the tube rigid so a coat-hanger was pushed into it.

"We used brandy to sterilise the equipment. One of the stewards felt that if we were going to do it we should do it properly so a five-star Courvoisier was produced.

"I then made an incision and pushed the catheter into the chest wall. This was held in place by Sellotape and attached to a bottle of Evian mineral water to act as a chest drain.

"She was an ideal patient. She was apprehensive but she was quite ill, and often people who are quite ill accept what is being done to them. After the operation I must admit I had a rather large shot of brandy to calm my nerves. The patient gave me a kiss and a smile and said thank you."

Dr Wong, back at Stracathro Hospital yesterday, declared he was "delighted to help" but claimed he had played only a small part.

The professor's Nottingham colleagues were not surprised by his actions. One woman doctor said yesterday: "He is never a person to stand back if something needs to be done."

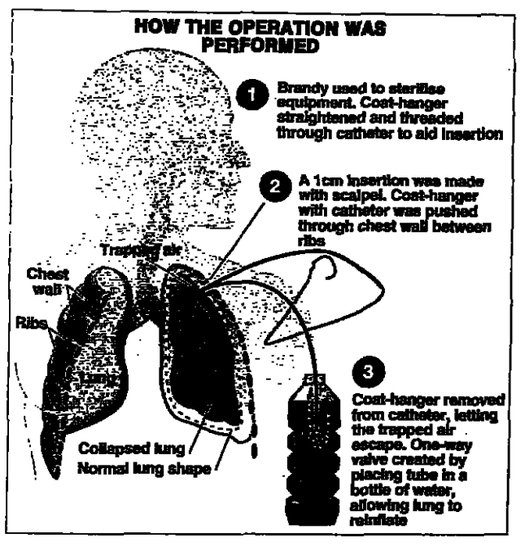
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Angus Wallace with the mineral water bottle he used as a chest drain to help to save the life of Pauline Dixon

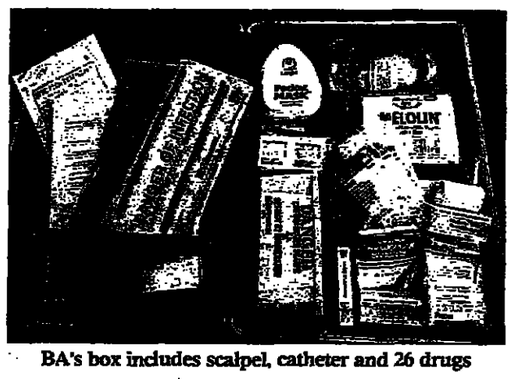


Emergency kit packs in 88 items

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS handled 2,078 medical incidents ranging from headaches to heart attacks during flights last year — one for every 15,000 passengers. In 559 cases, a doctor or nurse who happened to be on board responded to the emergency. Eighteen flights were diverted to enable a sick passenger to be taken to hospital.

Commercial aircraft are required by law to carry basic medical equipment including bandages, a tourniquet and smelling salts. Many airlines, including British Airways, fly with far more than is required by the Civil Aviation Authority. The BA kit is stored in a secure luggage compartment in the cabin and its seals can be broken only with permission of the captain. The contents are divided into two parts, one for use by the cabin crew and the other, containing dangerous drugs, for use only by doctors.



BA's box includes scalpel, catheter and 26 drugs

There are 88 items in the kit, including dressings of various types and sizes, a scalpel, catheter, sutures, local anaesthetic, resuscitation equipment and 26 drugs. The kit is regularly checked to ensure it is up-to-date and contains drugs and equipment considered useful.

The captain has sole discretion on whether to allow the treatment of a patient in the air or to divert the aircraft. He can receive instant advice over a high-frequency radio link with a British Airways doctor.

The airline's 13,500 crew members, including pilots and cabin crew, are trained in basic medical emergency drills when they join the company. Cabin crew attend a four-day course in the medical training department, where they are taught how to use the emergency equipment, how to diagnose the more common incidents such as a heart attack or an allergic reaction, and even how to deliver a baby. Crews must pass written and practical examinations before being allowed to fly and return to the medical centre once a year for a day's refresher course.

In this week's emergency operation the medical kit proved invaluable. The doctors used the catheter, scalpel, sterile swabs, sutures, painkillers and local anaesthetic.

Flying doctors maintain tradition of medical improvisation

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

TRAUMATIC tension pneumothorax, the condition in which air collects to form a pocket between the layers of the pleura, the covering to the lungs, is a common complication of fractured ribs and other penetrating injuries.

As air accumulates in the air pocket the lung beneath it becomes increasingly squeezed. The patient suffers chest pain, becomes cyanosed (blue in the face) and distressingly breathless. The accumulation of air within the chest pushes the heart and trachea (windpipe) to one side, the neck veins become distended and the chest wall no longer moves regularly and easily.

Insertion of a flexible tube through the chest wall into the pocket of air at one end and connected to an underwater seal — in Pauline Dixon's case a bottle of Perrier — at the other allows the air to escape. Once the air has bubbled out through the water seal, the heart returns to its normal position, the patient rapidly becomes pink, and life is saved.

The mid-air operation by Professor Angus Wallace, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Dr Tom Wong, a junior hospital doctor, continues the tradition of doctors improvising in difficult situations. The Sims's vaginal speculum, the metal instrument shaped like the end of a riding crop which is frequently used in gynaecological examinations, was designed by a doctor who, when out riding, had to use his crop to assess the injuries and stem the bleeding of a woman who damaged her pelvis in a heavy fall.

It is every doctor's nightmare to be faced with a person dying in front of them when they have no access to the tools with which they could so easily save that person's life. Miss Dixon was lucky that there was a surgeon on board, and even luckier that he was an orthopaedic surgeon. By the nature of their profession, they are the carpenters of medicine, dextrous and accustomed to improvisation.

Preserving the patient's airway is the immediate concern. Often this can be done simply but sometimes the only way to allow a patient to breathe is to introduce an airway through the throat.

To cut somebody's throat is never an easy decision. The old method, the tracheotomy, was described in textbooks as "an operation requiring some nerve and a level head". Tricky in inexperienced hands, even when equipped with scalpels, Spencer Wells forceps, retractors, scissors and a choice of tracheotomy tubes, the operation is frightening when the only instruments available are a soldier's knife and the barrel of a fountain pen. Yet this operation was carried out on many battlefields in both world wars.

Recently a quicker, and safer, way through the throat and into the airways has been recommended, via the membrane between the thyroid and cricoid cartilages in the neck. This method, too, has been tested in the battlefield: in Cyprus an army sergeant saved a soldier's life by using his knife and a Biro.

In Japanese prison-of-war camps medical officers became past masters in making do. Hollow bamboo stems were used to give intravenous fluids which had been cleverly sterilised. In the Far East one doctor operated on a case of acute appendicitis and used tough jungle grass for the stitches.

Professor Wallace's choice of brandy as an antiseptic also has good historical precedence. After Nelson was killed at Trafalgar his body was, reputedly, pickled in a barrel of brandy to be brought back to England. Unfortunately, unlike Professor Wallace, who only drank the brandy left over after the operation, Nelson's sailors couldn't resist the occasional swig, and the barrel was half empty by the end of the journey.

MP faces trial over pick-axe allegation

Allan Stewart, Conservative MP for Eastwood, is to face trial in September charged with brandishing a pick-axe and causing a breach of the peace. Mr Stewart, 53, pleaded not guilty by letter at Paisley Sheriff Court.

The charges relate to the former Scottish Industry Minister's presence on February 5 at the site of a protest against an extension to the M77 Glasgow to Ayr road.

Mother to sue

A mother of four who became pregnant six months after a contraceptive implant was placed in her arm plans to sue. Sharon Pears, 31, is seeking legal advice on whether she has a case against the UK distributors or Finnish manufacturers.

Boy remanded

A boy aged 15 was remanded into secure accommodation yesterday charged with the murder of Janet Swanson, 14, behind the Killingbeck industrial estate in Leeds last Saturday. He is to appear in court again on June 1. No bail application was made.

Death inquiry

The death of a woman at a residential home is being investigated by police. Edna Lawes was allegedly smothered with a pillow on the evening of her 81st birthday. She was found dead by care assistants at the home at Tipton St John, Devon.

Office ailment

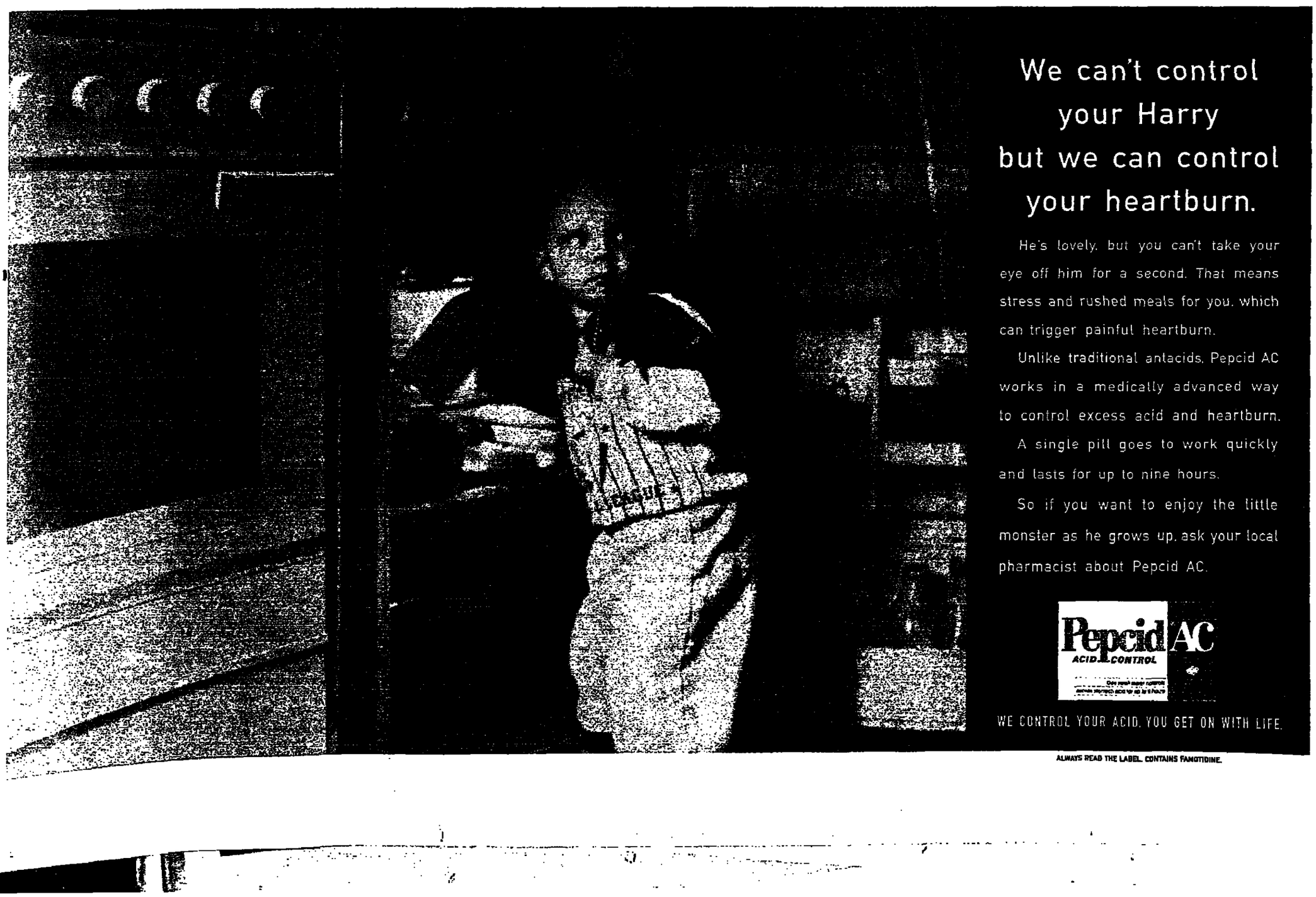
Almost 500,000 people take time off because of "sick building syndrome" which costs millions of pounds in lost productivity, the Health and Safety Executive said. The cause is not known but the condition is more likely in open-plan offices.

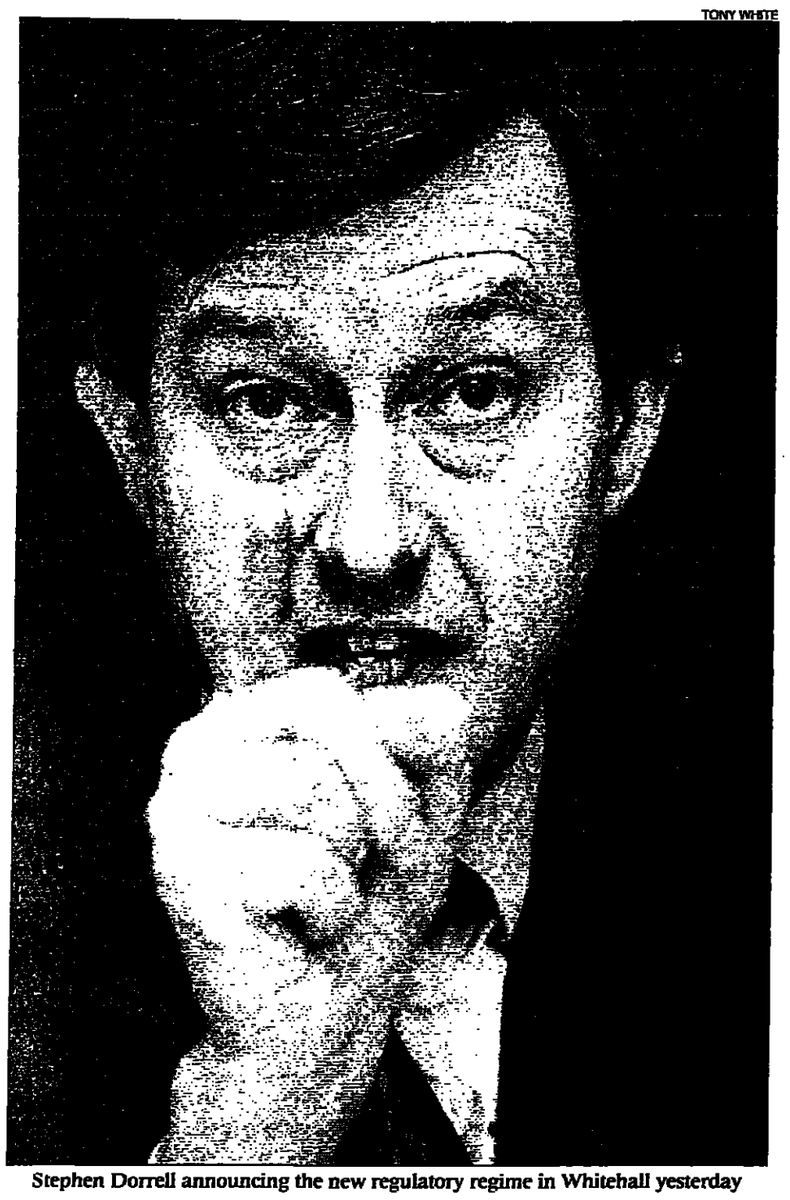
Pupils suspended

Five boarders aged 17 and 18 at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, have been suspended after taking a teacher's car for a two-hour midnight joyride around the town. The final-year pupils will be allowed to sit their A levels. Police are investigating.

Memoirs sold

The memoirs of a soldier who marched with Wellington in the Peninsular War (1808-14) sold for £6,900 at Bonhams in Knightsbridge. The recollections of Corporate John Parker, of the 20th Foot, from Norfolk, went to a private buyer.




TONY WHITE

Stephen Dorrell announcing the new regulatory regime in Whitehall yesterday

Newspaper groups freed to increase investment in television

Government blueprint sets 10% ceiling on media ownership

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Government's long-awaited proposals on cross-media ownership would abolish the existing structure of complex rules and replace them with a simple regulatory regime, setting a ceiling of 10 per cent on the total share of the media market that can be controlled by any one company.

The abolition of the current restrictions, which separate television, newspapers and radio, is a recognition of the increasing convergence between the print, televisual and radio industries. The proposals announced by Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, envisage a two-stage process.

Under the first stage it would enact primary legislation as soon as possible, probably in the next parliamentary session, to remove the restrictions that prevent newspaper and commercial terrestrial television companies from buying more than 20 per cent of each other's shares.

Newspaper groups with less than 20 per cent of national newspaper circulation would be able to buy ITV, cable or satellite television stations, providing they do not have more than 15 per cent of the total available television audience (including cable and satellite, ITV and BBC viewers), and so long as they do not control more than two ITV licences.

At present only two print groups have more than 20 per cent of total national newspaper circulation. News International, owner of *The Times*, accounts for 37 per cent of national newspaper circulation, while the Mirror group, owner of the *Mirror* and *Independent* titles, has 26 per cent. These two companies would effectively be barred from controlling of any terrestrial television company.

Newspaper groups will not be allowed to buy ITV companies or local radio stations in areas where they have more than 30 per cent of the regional newspaper circulation.

Under the legislation, which is unlikely to become law before 1997, television groups would be able to buy newspapers under reciprocal conditions to those applying to print groups. The Independent Television Commission would have to approve all such deals.

No company can own more than two regional ITV licences. This will come as a disappointment to some of the bigger ITV companies, which had lobbied hard to be allowed to hold three of more franchises.

ITV companies will, however, be allowed to invest in cable and satellite companies, and vice versa, providing that no one group has more than 15 per cent of the total available television audience.

Satellite and cable companies which are more than 20 per cent owned by a national newspaper group will be restricted to a maximum of 20 per cent of a terrestrial television station. Thus BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, would not be allowed to own more than 20 per cent of any ITV company or Channel 5.

The upper limit on the number of local radio stations controlled by any one company will be removed, but no group will be allowed to own more than one national radio licence or more than 15 per cent of the sector.

The Government intends to enact immediate legislation, which could come into force within the next two months, to tidy up a number of unresolved issues. This would include increasing the limit on the number of local radio licences that any single company may own from 20 to 35.

Stage two of the proposals would introduce a fresh approach to media ownership, based on the share of the total market. No company would be allowed to own more than 10 per cent of the total media market. Within that overall limit, no one owner would be permitted to control more than 20 per cent of any sector (television, press or radio) or 20 per cent of the media market in any region.

Ownership above these thresholds would not automatically be illegal, but would be subject to approval by an independent media regulator, who would decide whether it was in the public interest, which would be deemed to include promotion of diversity within the industry.

The means by which media concentration is to be measured have yet to be defined and may include weightings giving varying degrees of importance to each media type.

The concept of thresholds and a weighted points system is similar in approach suggested to the Government by the British Media Industry Group, which has waged a vigorous campaign to allow newspaper groups greater freedom to invest in television companies. The group comprises Associated Newspapers, owner of the *Daily Mail*; Pearson, which owns the *Financial Times*; The Guardian Media Group and The Telegraph plc.

The Department of National Heritage is inviting responses to the policy document by August 31. The stage two policies are unlikely to appear in a White Paper before the next Parliament and it could be the next century before they become law.

THE MAIN POINTS

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

- **Newspaper groups with less than 20 per cent of the national market will be allowed to own ITV companies outright**
- **ITV companies with less than 15 per cent of the total television audience can buy national newspapers**
- **News International, owner of five national newspapers, including *The Times*, and of 40 per cent in BSkyB, is effectively capped at its current ownership level**

LONG-TERM MEASURES

- **No company will be able to own more than 10 per cent of the total market**
- **No company can own more than 20 per cent of the market in any regional or individual media sector**
- **A media regulator will decide whether media ownership levels are in the public interest**

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Markets predict shaky picture for TV firms

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE losers under yesterday's proposals would appear to include News International and the Mirror Group, both of which control more of the media market than would be permissible.

However, the City saw no immediate threat to either. The rules will take at least until the end of the decade to implement, and much leeway will apparently be left with the unnamed and unspecified industry regulator. Shares in News International were unchanged, while those in the Mirror Group were only slightly lower.

Instead the City turned its attention to the medium-sized television companies, which are now unlikely to be taken over by bigger licence-holders. Shares in Scottish Television and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees fell heavily, both having been seen previously as serious bid candidates. One broker said: "There is going to be no ITV consolidation for the next couple of years."

Granada, with 14 per cent of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, cannot now buy the rest because it already has two franchises: its home base in the North West and the London Weekend franchise. Likewise, MAI, which this month bought a near-15 per cent holding in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees from Pearson, is blocked by its ownership of Anglia and a controlling stake in Meridian.

A third big player, Carlton, also has two franchises. "It makes Pearson's decision to sell its Yorkshire-Tyne Tees stake look quite clever," one analyst said, "and MAI's decision to buy less clever."

Scottish Television is known to have expansion plans, but its big shareholder — the Mirror Group, with 20 per cent — is prevented from further purchases because of the size of its share of the newspaper market. Scottish cannot even combine with Yorkshire to gain size and buying power because of the latter's ownership of the Tyne Tees franchise.

The most likely buyers of the medium-sized television operators were seen to be ambitious newspaper groups such as those that own *The Guardian* and the *Daily Mail*. The Guardian group has a 15 per cent holding in the morning broadcaster GMTV, while the Mail group has 20 per cent of Westcountry, although its strong local newspaper interests there might preclude further buying.

The imminent liberalisation of the radio market boosted shares in Capital Radio and the Bristol-based GWR. "Radio is the net beneficiary," one City analyst said.

Other judgments from the City were that the proposals were vague, "a damp squib" and "a hodge-podge". Anthony de Larrinaga, of the broker Panmure Gordon, summed up the mood when he said: "Wherever there is some synergy, then you aren't allowed to take advantage of it."

He added: "Letting some mid-range newspaper players into television would release some of the shackles. But the consolidation that had been seen to be coming seems not to be the case now.

"It's really down to the likes of United Newspapers (owner of the *Express* titles), the Mail group and Pearson. It gives them the opportunities, but it's a question of whether they will take them."

THE PRESS

Share of total national newspaper circulation

Newspaper group	Share (%)
News International *The Sun, Today, The Times, News of the World, The Sunday Times*	37
Mirror Group Newspapers *Daily Mirror, Daily Record, Sunday Mirror, Sunday Record, The People, The Independent, The Independent on Sunday*	26
United Newspapers *Daily Express, Daily Star, Sunday Express*	13
Daily Mail and General Trust *Daily Mail, The Mail On Sunday*	12
The Telegraph Plc *Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph*	7
Guardian Media Group *The Guardian, The Observer*	3
Pearson *Financial Times*	1

Source: Based on ABC audited figures Jan-Dec 1994 adjusted to take account of Sunday newspapers and rounded to the nearest whole number.

TELEVISION

Share of the total audience

Company	Share(%)
BBC	44.6
Channel 4/S4C	10.0
*Central	6.0
†Granada	4.6
Yorkshire	4.0
*Carlton	3.4
‡Meridian	3.1
HTV West and Wales	2.8
Scottish Television	2.6
†London Weekend Television	2.6
‡Anglia	2.3
Tyne Tees	1.9
Ulster	1.1
Westcountry	1.0
Grampian	0.7
Border	0.5
Channel	0
GMTV	1.6
BSkyB	4.0
Other (including cable)	3.2

Source: ITC/BARB (December 1994)
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† both controlled by Granada Group
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Mackay advocates league table of legal aid lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

CLIENTS would be able to choose lawyers according to their success in winning cases under "league tables" proposed by the Lord Chancellor yesterday.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern told a conference in London that the public should be able to choose a legal aid lawyer "not by a firm's popularity but by outcomes". Contracts awarded by the Legal Aid Board should also be granted on standards of service. "It is not for me to tell people which solicitors they should go to, but it may be for me say that the chance of getting a longer prison sentence is greater if they go to X rather than Y — and leave them to make a decision," he said.

In a reference to high-profile "campaigning" law firms, Lord Mackay said: "If a particular firm is popular, for one reason or another, but gives a very poor service to its clients, should that firm be preferred by those clients? Popularity does not necessarily mean that those who are popular are good."

The proposals could be extended to barristers' chambers, Lord Mackay said after his speech. Solicitors and advice agencies who will be "buying" barristers' services would want data on which to judge their success rates, in line with the performance data that hospital doctors have to provide for GP budget-holders.

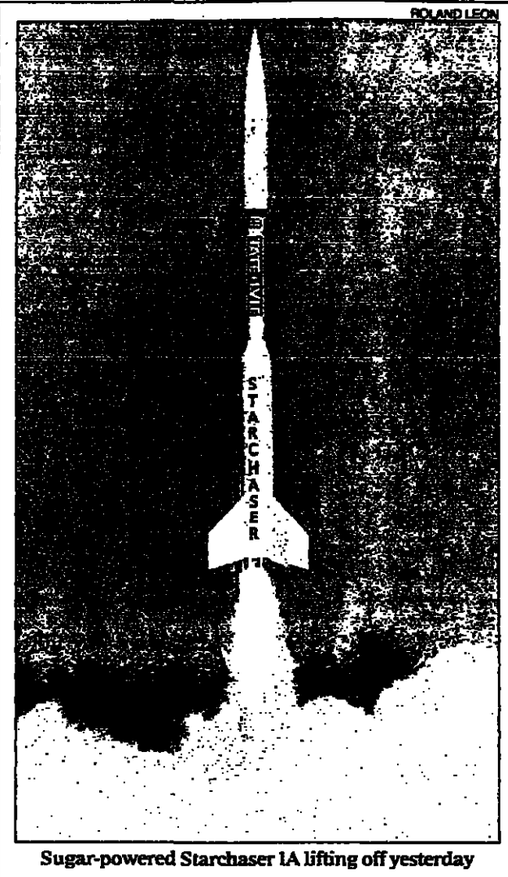
Last week Lord Mackay outlined Green Paper proposals to reform the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme in which contracts would be awarded to law firms and advice agencies. He told more than 300 laywers and advice workers yesterday that such contracts would be allocated on quality of service.

Measurements of performance or "outcomes" of cases had been done in the field of education, where league tables were published. "Criteria of that kind might be of some importance in deciding if a firm's popularity was well gained." Lord Mackay said that when at the Bar he had marvelled at the way certain people succeeded in attracting work. But their clients did not always benefit from their services "for some considerable time". Steven Orchard, chief executive of the Legal Aid Board, said that it would be possible to devise success rates for each area of legal work. Other factors would include time taken on a case, whether the judgment was enforced and client satisfaction.

The proposals were criticised by Henry Hodge, deputy vice-president of the Law Society, who said: "The problem is, who would decide what a good result is? If a solicitor coerces someone into a guilty plea and into getting a short sentence, is that a measure of success?"

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ROLAND LEON



Sugar-powered Starchaser 1A lifting off yesterday

Rocket man launches DIY craft towards final frontier

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

AN AMATEUR scientist launched a rocket 1½ miles into the sky yesterday, using fuel made from household sugar. He promised to conquer space before the end of the century.

Two hundred spectators gathered to watch Steve Bennett's 10ft-long prototype rocket, Starchaser 1A, make its maiden flight. After its successful mission, monitored by an onboard computer chip, the rocket fell back to Earth assisted by parachute, landing close to the launch site in Montgomery, Powys.

Mr Bennett, a 31-year-old laboratory technician from Manchester, now hopes his secret propellent will set records in the DIY space programme. He said: "I am getting closer and closer to the big one and I am determined to send one of my rockets into Space by the year 2000, with me in it if it's possible by then. I believe I'm close to leading the world in amateur rocketry and the fuel I'm working with just now is good enough to blow the opposition away."



Bennett: inventive

Mr Bennett's next mission, scheduled for November, is an attempt to launch a 24ft craft, the biggest amateur rocket in Europe, more than two miles into the sky. He said: "Starchaser 2 will be four times heavier but will not be as fast. The original Starchaser 1 was a failure because the parachutes failed to open and it was smashed to pieces."

Mr Bennett started building rockets at the age of 13, inspired by the television series *Thunderbirds* and *Star Trek*. He made his early prototypes from old aluminium tubing and whatever household debris came to hand. "All the other kids were into their fairy stories and sci-fi. But I was always interested in science because it made things really happen. By the time I was 13 I had made up my mind that I was going to build rockets and send them as high up into space as I could.

"Rockets are dangerous and volatile but a successful launch really is poetry in motion. My spine begins to tingle and the buzz I get out of it is incredible. One day I might be the next Captain Kirk, leading a team of explorers through the final frontier."

He uses the lightweight carbon composites that built the Challenger space shuttle. Working in his garage, he spends eight months constructing an airworthy rocket. Tate and Lyle, sponsor of the project, supplied an undisclosed quantity of money and sugar.

Allotment gardeners fail to halt eviction

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

ALLOTMENT holders have lost a legal battle to save their plots from council development in a case with far-reaching implications for thousands of allotment gardeners.

A High Court judge ruled yesterday that Newcastle City Council could evict the holders provided that "adequate provision" was made for them elsewhere even though they enjoyed statutory protection under the 1925 Allotments Act. The council hopes to raise £500,000 by selling the land.

Mr Justice Laws upheld an Environment Department decision in November 1993 to overrule the advice of its planning inspector and approve the development of the 7,750 sq yd site of 30 plots in Gosforth where there have been allotments since before the Second World War.

The case turned on the interpretation of the phrase "adequate provision" in the Act. The judge accepted the department's view that it meant the offer of any alternative site "on which allotment gardening can reasonably be undertaken by the persons who are displaced". He rejected claims that the new plots had to be as good as the old.

Sixth-form voucher scheme deferred

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

PLANS to issue education vouchers to sixth-formers were postponed indefinitely yesterday after the Government accepted that they posed too many practical problems to allow swift progress before the next general election.

The decision is a rebuff for Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, who had sought Cabinet support for pilot schemes involving 25,000 16-year-olds. Ministers would commit themselves only to re-examining the funding advantage enjoyed by schools over further education colleges, the main barrier to fair competition between the two sectors.

Mr Portillo and Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, yesterday announced that careers advice would be strengthened and that further consultations would be held on introducing vouchers, or "learning credits" and on changes to sixth-form funding. A government-commissioned study by the management consultants Coopers & Lybrand concluded: "As a concept, learning credits is attractive. However, to turn the concept into reality is far from simple."

THE TIMES

An evening with Baroness Thatcher



To mark the publication of her second volume of memoirs, *The Path to Power*, *The Times*, in co-operation with Dillons, invites readers to an evening with Lady Thatcher. Following the success of her first Times/Dillons forum, when she spoke about *The Downing Street Years*, Lady Thatcher will now turn her attention to the years leading up to her premiership. She will discuss her childhood in Grantham, the profound influence of her father, her marriage to Denis, her early career as a politician and her determined rise to power. She will also give characteristically forthright opinions on some of the century's leading political figures. The forum will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, and will offer those attending the opportunity to question Lady Thatcher.

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'There is no doubt that as a Church we are going through turbulence'

Country cleric chosen to become the next Bishop of St Albans

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A COUNTRY clergyman has been plucked from obscurity to head one of the most important dioceses in the Church of England.

The Ven Christopher Herbert, Archdeacon of Dorking, Surrey, is to become Bishop of St Albans, succeeding one of the Church's most respected elder statesmen, the Right Rev John Taylor, who retires later this year.

He said he was immensely surprised although he was aware that his was on the list of names of those considered suitable for elevation.

He pledged to give a strong moral lead in his diocese and fight for Christian values. Society should return to traditional values based on Christian concepts such as "love God" and "love thy neighbour", he said. Canon Herbert said he had a "passion for evangelism" and defined himself as a "central, open-minded, orthodox Anglican".

Canon Herbert, 51, who was born in the Forest of Dean and whose mother was a journalist, graduated from the University of Wales in Lampeter and then studied at Wells and Bristol. He has written 13 books on prayer and spirituality for adults and children. His wife Jan is an English teacher.

He said of the invitation to be the next Bishop of St Albans: "It's a massive task and a very humbling one.

"There is no doubt that as a Church we face a challenging future. We are going through a period of turbulence, but I believe that the energy, expertise and will are there at all levels in the Church to turn the problems we face into opportunities."

He said the Church was no longer in a privileged position. The answer to getting the message across was not to "cheapen the truths we're trying to convey". The Church must speak out on social issues, he said. "Where society is neither fair nor just, the Church must not be afraid to say so."

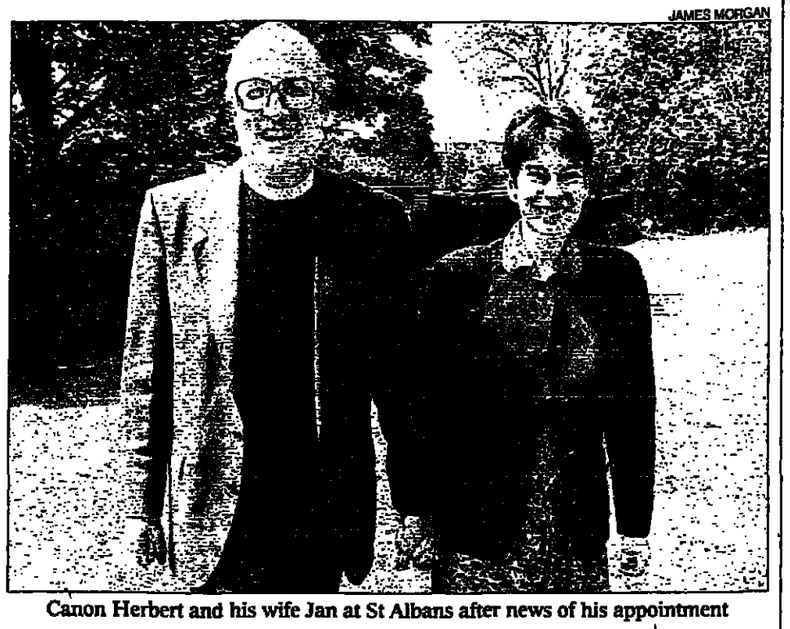
The appointment of a man who, albeit a prolific author on prayer and spirituality, does not belong to the General Synod and is little known in the Church at large, was greeted by surprise but welcomed yesterday.

The Bishop of Hertford, the Right Rev Robin Smith, a suffragan to the Bishop of St Albans, said: "Everything I hear about him fills me with a sense of gratitude and excited anticipation. As an archdeacon, he is one of the people who run the Church of England. As a bishop he will have to forget how to manage and learn how to lead." The appointment was also welcomed as imaginative in a Church facing the appointment of many new bishops over the coming few years as the bulge of post-war and 1960s ordinands approach retirement. This year alone the Crown Appointments Commission must decide on new appointments for London, Winchester, Derby and Portsmouth. If one or more of those goes, as expected, to another diocesan bishop, further vacancies will be created.

The resultant appointments are crucial because they are likely to involve the promotion of many formerly unknown clergymen, and the choices, made ultimately by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, will determine the form of church leadership well into the next millennium. Canon Herbert succeeds two of the Church's most eminent leaders this century.

Bishop Taylor, one of 26 bishops in the House of Lords, who is also the Lord High Almoner, took over from Dr Robert Runcie, who went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 1980.

JAMES MORGAN



Canon Herbert and his wife Jan at St Albans after news of his appointment

Learner drivers to sit exam on theory before practical test

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LEARNER drivers will have to answer written questions on the Highway Code, road safety and their attitudes towards other road users before being allowed to take a full driving test, the Government announced yesterday.

Candidates sitting the new half-hour written examination from July next year will have to tick the correct answer to 35 questions. Each question will have four possible reponses.

At least 600 multiple choice questions have been prepared for 20 different papers chosen at random to prevent cheating. They will cover 12 out of a possible 14 topics.

The test, which will probably have to be taken at further education colleges, will cost between £10 and £15 on top of the £28.50 for the practical test. Those who pass will be expected to take their practical test within two years.

The test brings Britain in line with the rest of the European Union and marks the biggest change to the driving test since it was introduced 60 years ago. About 750,000 people are expected to sit the new exam, which replaces the theory element at the end of the present test, within its first year.

Steve Norris, the Roads Minister, said the exam, the latest phase of the Government's campaign to cut the accident rate among young drivers, would make newly qualified motorists more aware of hazards once they discarded their L-plates.

"For drivers of all ages inexperience is the most significant factor in accidents," he said. "In having to prepare for a theory test, people will become better drivers."

The test will be at a level to allow people with low standards of literacy to understand the questions. There will also be tests in Welsh and the main ethnic minority languages. Tests for people with special needs such as reading difficulties or physical disabilities are being considered. Pass levels have not yet been set.

The proposed exam was welcomed by BSM, the driving instruction company. "No one currently fails their driving test by incorrectly answering the six questions at the end," Richard Glover, BSM's managing director, said. "The Highway Code is too often read the night before and never looked at again."

However, the planned exam was condemned as cumbersome and irrelevant by motoring organisations. "We are disappointed that the Government has taken what is the cheapest option," said Andrew Howard, of the AA, which wanted the theory test to be based on a computerised "hazard awareness" system.

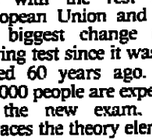
Edmund King, of the RAC, said it also opposed the planned written test. "There is no evidence to suggest that a written test produces better drivers." Mr King said. He urged the Government to introduce lessons in safe driving to form part of the national curriculum.

Mr Norris said that a computer-based or video-based interactive test had been ruled out at this stage by cost and because the benefits were not proven. "At least in the early years we have settled on the tried and tested method of paper and pencil," he said. The impact of the new test on accident rates would be closely monitored and if it proved inadequate would be changed accordingly.

The test will be operated by a private organisation with experience in running examinations but with no interests in driver training. Bidders must submit formal tenders to the Department of Transport by November with the winning bidder being selected in January.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

What does this sign mean?



- no footpath ahead
- pedestrians only ahead
- pedestrian crossing ahead
- school crossing ahead

You are towing a trailer on a motorway. What is your maximum speed limit?

- 60mph
- 40mph
- 50mph
- 70mph

You are at a road junction, turning into a minor road. There are pedestrians crossing the minor road. You should



- stop and wave the pedestrians across.
- sound your horn to let the pedestrians know you are there.
- give way to pedestrians who are already crossing.
- carry on, the pedestrians should give way to you

You are carrying two children and their parents in your car. Who is responsible for seeing that the children wear seat belts?

- the children's parents are
- you are
- the front seat passenger is
- the children are

You are testing your suspension. You notice that your vehicle continues to bounce when you press down on the front wings. What does this mean?

- worn tyres
- tyres under-inflated
- steering wheel not located centrally
- worn shock absorbers

Answers: 1 pedestrian crossing ahead, 2 give way to pedestrians who are already crossing, 3 60mph, 4 you are, 5 worn shock absorbers

Pacific sponge could yield cancer drug

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE scientists have found a way of reproducing an anti-cancer chemical found in Pacific Ocean sponges. It will now be tested as a potential cancer drug.

Dr Ian Paterson said that the chemical was produced by algae that lived in symbiosis with the sponges. "They are used as a kind of chemical defence by the sponge," he said. "The sponge provides the algae with a home and in return they make chemicals which repel predators."

Japanese researchers found in 1990 that one of the chemicals, called swinholide A, showed anti-cancer properties in laboratory experiments. Large-scale extraction of the chemical was impracticable because tons of sponges would have yielded only a few milligrams.

The Cambridge team is the first to find a way of synthesising it in the laboratory. The next stage will be to make a range of similar chemicals and test whether their anti-cancer performance is better. The ultimate objective would be a new range of cancer drugs.

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'Forces compromised by MoD failings'



Clark: MoD waste is national disgrace

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A CATALOGUE of incompetence and error by the Ministry of Defence has jeopardised Britain's capacity to defend itself, the National Audit Office says in a report published today.

The nation's 25 largest defence equipment orders are running an average of more than three years late and are massively over budget, according to the NAO's annual "major projects report". It shows that nine out of ten such orders have failed or are likely to fail to meet their original delivery dates. The average delay is now 37 months and five projects are already more than five years late.

If the two largest projects, Trident and Eurofighter 2000, are removed from the equation, the remaining 23 projects are £645 m..... over their forecast budgets. Although Trident is now forecast to come in under budget, Eurofighter alone accounts for a further £1,129 million projected overspend.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "When will the financial incompetence of the MoD end? It is no surprise that the MoD has been renamed the Ministry of Waste. It is a national disgrace that the MoD should be throwing away billions of pounds of taxpayers' money. Financial incompetence and unjustified extravagance appear to be the order of the day. When the Government is supposed to be putting the front line first, how can it permit such waste through cost overruns and late in-service dates?"

Sir John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor general, says that much of the overspend is due to "over-optimistic" cost estimates by the MoD. Delays in getting projects in service are said to be caused by "unforseen technical difficulties".

The report found that Britain's defences are being jeopardised by:

☐ A delay of more than six years to the Spearfish torpedo, which has led to the Tigerfish topredo being deployed way beyond its planned life

☐ A five-year delay to the EH101 Merlin helicopter has led to its predecessor, the Sea King helicopter, being kept in service beyond its original approval

☐ The four-year delay in introducing the Bowman radio system has left the services with the Clansman system, which is based on 1960s technology, "vulnerable to electronic counter measures" and unable to provide secure voice and data requirements

☐ Delays to the Replacement Type 23 frigate command system has led to ships exceeding the maximum times spent at sea and resulted in "significant military risk"

☐ Delays on Eurofighter, now 24 months late, have meant the life of the Jaguar and Tornado F3 aircraft having to be extended beyond original intentions. The report says that neither aircraft is sufficiently effective in its role. The NAO now plans a serparate study of the delays and cost problems associated with Eurofighter.

The delays to these and other projects have also led to additional costs associated with the retention of older and less capable equipment than originally planned.

The largest overspends occur in the Eurofighter project. Other large overspends occur on the Spearfish torpedo, which is £180 million over budget, and the EH101 Merlin helicopter, which is £140 million over budget.

The MoD says that it is countering the problem of over-optimistic cost estimates by introducing a new three-point plan to identify risks earlier and indicate areas of uncertain expenditure.

The all-party Commons Public Accounts Committee is due to question defence officials on the delays and overspends next month.

Bitter fight will put Lib-Lab links in peril

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

By-elections are no longer about whether the governing party loses — it invariably does — but more about which opposition party wins. The Tories are generally expected to come third both in Perth and Kinross tomorrow and, in Littleborough and Saddleworth, probably in a couple of months. (The Down North contest on June 15 will be very different.)

Bad Tory results in both by-elections will confirm an already gloomy picture. The Government is very unpopular and by-elections are an ideal way for voters to protest. That pattern could continue for some time, and is no pointer to the general election. The Tories lost two by-elections only five months before the 1992 election, when they won back both seats.

The real question is whether Labour or the Liberal Democrats gain most. So far this Parliament, the run of vacancies in Tory held seats has favoured the Liberal Democrats, in Newbury, Christchurch and Eastleigh. Labour has only had the chance to gain Dudley West. The Scottish Nationalists were close behind the Tories in Perth in 1992 and should win easily. But will the big Labour push enable it to come up from a poor third place to a strong second? The by-election in Littleborough, on the edge of the Pennines, could have more lasting national importance. Geoffrey Dickens had a wide populist appeal, and was one of the few Tories in the north-west to raise his share of the vote in 1992, up more than one percentage point to 44 per cent. He had a guileless, even if at times blundering, charm, as well as personal courage in his final fight against cancer, as he showed in Sunday's television programme about the whips recorded before his death.

The other unusual feature in 1992 was that Littleborough was one of the few seats where the Liberal Democrats advanced at the expense of Labour. Chris Davies, the well-entrenched Liberal Democrat candidate, raised his party's share of the vote by nearly five points to 36 per cent, while the Labour share dropped by six points to 20 per cent. At the local elections on May 4 the Liberal Democrats took 46.5 per cent, against 32.5 per cent for Labour and 21 per cent for the Tories.

The Liberal Democrats obviously start as favourites.



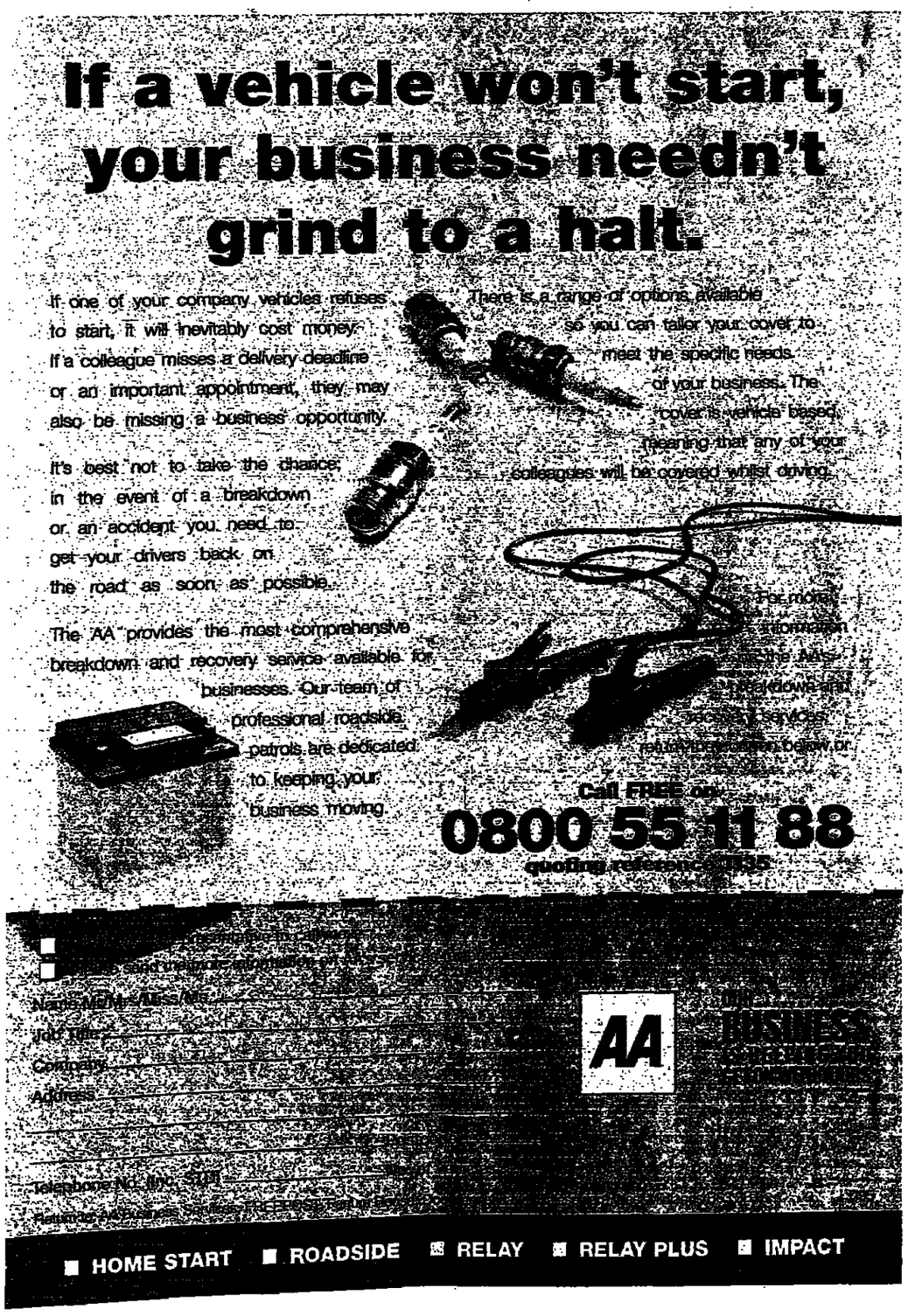
Labour, while content to be the underdog at this stage, is not prepared to concede the seat. The contest matters not only in itself but also for broader relations between the parties.

They have fought each other furiously in the North West, particularly in Liverpool, Oldham, Pendle and Rochdale, where Cyril Smith, and now Liz Lynne, have been hard pressed by Labour. Liberal Democrats there dislike all talk of friendly links with Labour and the feeling is reciprocated.

But, nationally, Paddy Ashdown and his allies are seeking to open the door to co-operation with Labour, while Tony Blair has been careful not to close the door on his side. He has talked of reaching out beyond Labour. It is delicate for both parties: meetings of minds and discussions, for example, about how to achieve devolution rather than any hint of pacts or deals. Any moves are fraught with difficulty. Mr Ashdown is planning to take a further step soon with a strategy paper abandoning equi-distance between the other parties and in effect ruling out backing for the Tories after the next election. The local election results encouraged such co-operation since both parties gained from the Tories, but the Liberal Democrats lost ground in many places to Labour.

A bruising by-election could set back hopes of future co-operation. Attacks during the campaign leave a mood of recrimination and reinforce the belief of some Liberal Democrats that they can thrive on their own. That may force Mr Ashdown to be more cautious. The Littleborough by-election could affect the balance of opposition politics more than the fate of the Major Government.

PETER RIDDELL



Labour struggles to raise hope of Perth victory

JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR dismissed suggestions yesterday that the "Blair bubble" had burst in Perth and Kinross, claiming that the party could still win the by-election tomorrow.

Douglas Alexander, the Labour candidate, wrote to floating voters suggesting that the gap was narrowing by the day. However, an ICM poll for *The Scotsman* and Scottish Television shows the reverse with the gap between Labour and the SNP having widened by four points since a similar poll on Monday.

The latest poll puts the SNP on 55 per cent, 34 points ahead of Labour. The Tories are still in third place on 14 points and the Liberal Democrats are on ten.

Mr Alexander told the voters in his letter: "Labour can win in Perth and Kinross. It is now clear that the Tories will not win." Nevertheless, Labour's apparent failure to boost its vote significantly was causing some soul-searching yesterday. A poor showing tomorrow will cast doubt on the party's ability to win support in the rural Scottish heartlands.

Labour was never really expected to win Perth and Kinross. The last Labour victory in a Scottish rural seat was Caithness and Sutherland in 1965. But Tony Blair, the party leader, has mounted a high-profile by-election campaign as a means of pushing new Labour throughout Scotland.

He has visited the constituency twice in the past two weeks to emphasise that new Labour does not recognise no-go areas and that its message for Middle England is entirely relevant to Middle Scotland. Party sources believe that if Labour gains 25 to 30 per cent of the vote tomorrow — more than double its 1992 result — it can make huge in-roads in areas such as Inverness, Dumfries, Stirling and Ayr at the next election.

Mr Alexander has been the ideal vehicle for Mr Blair's message. He is articulate and well-versed in Blairism, having been a speech writer Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. He also appears to go down well on the doorstep and at public rallies in the constituency.

Party officials are baffled by



Alexander: facing surge in nationalist support

the polls, claiming that private telephone canvassing shows much stronger support for Labour. People appear to be turning to the nationalists for two reasons: as a protest to get rid of the Tories, who could be pushed into fourth place, and as a patriotic vote. The polls, however, show that more than half those intending to vote SNP do not want an independent Scotland, the mainstay of SNP policy.

☐ General election, 1992: Sir N Fairbairn (C), 20,195; R Cunningham (SNP), 18,101; M J Rolfe (Lab), 6,267; M Black (LD), 5,714. C maj: 2,094.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to education ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by government statements on new rules for cross-media ownership and the clearance of bids for VSEL. MPs debated the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, second reading, in the Lords: debates on the Jobseekers Bill, Land Registers (Scotland) Bill and Prisoners (Amendment) Rules.
TODAY in the Commons: from 10am, debates on Anglo-German relations, tobacco and alcohol smuggling and the York carriageworks closure. From 2.30pm, questions to Scottish ministers will be followed by a Labour-initiated debate on "social division and low pay" and a debate on calls for court disclosure of select committee papers relating to the Maxwell affair. In the Lords: debates on the future government of Scotland, the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill, report stage, and the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill, second reading.



Mirjana was gang-raped by seven men who had once been friends of her family. How much longer before you join us?

Mirjana comes from the town of Novi-Grad, in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina. In June 1992, she and three other women from her street were kidnapped and repeatedly gang-raped by seven men.

Although to protect her identity we have used neither Mirjana's real name nor her actual photograph, her attackers know exactly who she is. Before the fighting tore the community apart, they were her neighbours.

Mirjana and the other women are Serbs who were raped by Croatians, apparently because the men believed that elsewhere a group of Serbian men had raped Croatian women.

The men have a fancy name for their gang, the 'Fire Horses'. That month, another woman reported to police that she had been raped by a group of drunken men calling themselves by that name.

Instead of investigating the rape, the police arrested her on suspicion of carrying arms.

Thousands of women have been raped in Bosnia, most of them Muslims. However, as Mirjana's case shows, soldiers from all sides have become rapists.

In Bosnia, as in many other parts of the world, women are in double jeopardy. Discriminated against as women, they're more likely than men to have their human rights ignored and violated.

Often they become innocent victims of revenge attacks because unarmed women make easier targets than armed men. It is sickening. And what is more sickening is that governments and others who could do something to stop it accept these atrocities as the inevitable corollaries of war. They're not. If politicians of all nations had the decency, the will and the courage to speak out, such things would stop happening. We have to keep reminding them of this.

Amnesty International works tirelessly all over the world to safeguard people's human rights. Ours are often the only voices that bother to protest at all, so cynical has the world become.

What about you? Are you a cynic? Or are you willing to do something that will genuinely help innocent people who find themselves in deep and terrifying trouble? We are not always successful, but the more supporters we have, the more successful we will be.

Please join us, but do it today, because for someone somewhere, tomorrow will be always be too late. Please pick up your pen. Do it now.

Today is Wednesday. How many more days, how many more cases, before you join us?

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Oklahoma purges skyline of city's tragic monument

FROM TOM RHODES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

THE BUILDING that had become a monument to America's worst act of terrorism vanished from the Oklahoma City skyline yesterday.

At exactly 7am, the ripple of 220 explosive charges brought the Alfred Murrah Building thundering to the ground in a cloud of rubble and dust.

For the hundreds of Oklahomans who had come to watch, it was a time for tears and a symbolic end to the nightmare that began last month when a fertiliser bomb ripped through the building, killing 167 people, including 19 children, and maiming dozens more. Now the city had lost its most livid scar and the long process of healing could begin.

Ken Thompson had not slept the previous night. The body of his mother Virginia, 56, was still inside when the teams of demolition experts planted their sticks of dynamite.

"I think it's going to be OK now. It sounds strange but this is a joyful occasion for us," said Mr Thompson as he watched the nine floors collapse like pancakes before the awkward shape of the rear lift shaft teetered and then fell in their midst. "We all have faith that they will try to recover our mother and that's what matters. I think that what has happened here today is an exorcism of evil for us, for our state, and for the whole of America."

Mrs Thompson had started work for the credit union in January. A colleague, Christy Rosas, 22, was still missing in the rubble while rescuers also hoped to find the body of Alvin Justes, 54. He is thought to have been a customer at their offices on the morning of the blast on April 19.

The trio had been trapped in a section that was too dangerous for an earlier search. Instead, the area has been sprayed with orange paint and covered with tarpaulin. In the next three weeks, 4,500 tonnes of debris will be removed from the site and firemen hope they will find the remaining bodies.

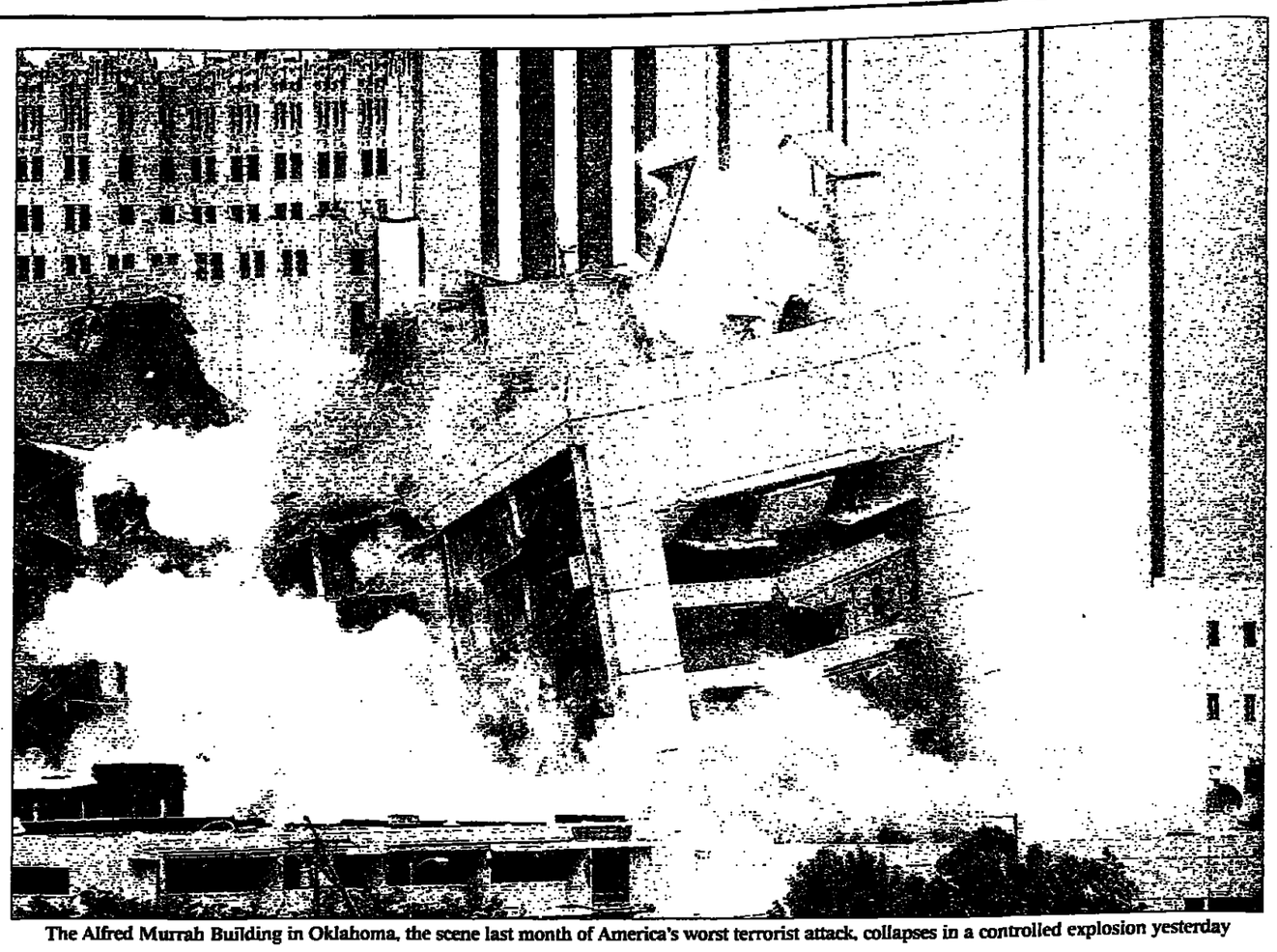
It was an emotional moment, not just for the families of the victims and the survivors, but also for the teams of volunteers who had spent weeks digging through the building.

Doug Loizeaux, vice-president of Controlled Demolition Incorporated, cried as his handywork created a perfect implosion. More than 150lbs of explosive had been placed strategically to create a progressive collapse. "Normally there is a sort of carnival atmosphere when we do this. People are interested in our expertise," he said. "This time, it was so solemn. There was was a sense of terrible sadness combined with the realisation that, for everyone's sake, we had to get this done as quickly as possible."

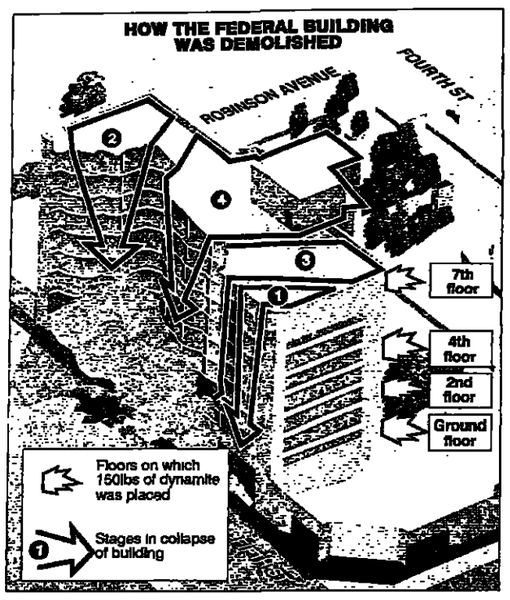
Funds continued to pour into Oklahoma yesterday, including a $10,000 (£6,000) donation from the figure skater, Nancy Kerrigan, who said she wanted to help educate those who had lost their families in the bombing.

However, the FBI trail for the bombers may have gone cold. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the two men charged with the bombing, are in custody.

But James Nichols, the brother from Michigan who was thought to have been involved in the plot, has been released. Other leads have come to nothing.



The Alfred Murrah Building in Oklahoma, the scene last month of America's worst terrorist attack, collapses in a controlled explosion yesterday



Man charged over death of Gerulaitis

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A MECHANIC who installed a heater under the house in which tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis died of carbon monoxide poisoning last September has been charged with criminally negligent homicide.

Gerulaitis, 40, was found dead in a poolside guest cottage belonging to a friend in the resort town of Southampton on Long Island. The mechanic Bart Torpey, 35, faces a maximum sentence of up to four years in prison.

Judge removes butler as executor of $1.2bn estate

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE pony-tailed former butler to Doris Duke, the tobacco heiress, has been removed as an executor of her $1.2 billion (£764 million) estate by a Manhattan judge who described the Irish-born Bernard Lafferty as a profligate, illiterate drunk who has squandered hundreds of thousands of dollars from the estate of his late employer.

Duke died in October 1993 at the age of 80, and Monday's decision to sack Mr Lafferty came after months of wrangling over the legacy of the woman once held to be "the richest girl in the world". The court has yet to rule on the validity of a will, which left the bulk of her fortune to charity but awarded Mr Lafferty $5 million as co-executor and an annual stipend of $500,000.

The will has been challenged by Duke's former doctor, who claims the aged heiress was coerced into signing it and was befuddled by drugs. The butler has also been accused of conspiring with other doctors to hasten his employer's death with a lethal overdose of morphine. Judge Eve Preminger noted that immediately after Duke's death Mr Lafferty, who began working for the American Tobacco Company heiress in 1986, moved into her houses and travelled the world in a private Boeing 737 jet and chauffeured Cadillac.



Duke: once known as the world's richest girl

Mr Lafferty enjoyed a "profligate lifestyle", while showing "a cavalier attitude towards money", the judge said. His reckless behaviour disqualifed him, the judge concluded, citing his taste for expensive jewellery, antique furniture and designer clothes as well as his drinking binges and use of anti-depressants. The court also removed the United States Trust Company as co-executor, saying it should have limited his spending.

Congress to honour Agnew

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

CONGRESS will honour one of the capital's most notorious crooks today at a cost of $50,000 to the taxpayer.

The Senate will unveil a bust, sculpted from Italian marble, of Spiro Agnew, Vice-President to Richard Nixon and the first man forced to resign that office in disgrace.

Vice-Presidents are also Senate presidents, and entitled to have their busts placed outside the Senate chamber if they ask. Mr Agnew has done so, and will attend tonight's ceremony, but it remains to be seen what kind words Senator Ted Stevens, chairman of the Rules and Administration Committee, will find to say.

Mr Agnew was forced from office after the Attorney-General accused him of bribery and extortion.

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US Supreme Court rejects limit on terms in Congress

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ONE of the most cherished proposals of the Republican Right suffered a severe setback yesterday when the Supreme Court ruled that attempts to set term limits for members of the US Congress were unconstitutional.

The justices voted by five votes to four to halt a grassroots effort that would have forced out of the running those who have served several consecutive terms in either the House of Representatives or Senate. The measure has already been passed by 23 states.

The only other way to restrict length of service on Capitol Hill is by passing an amendment to the US Constitution, which would require a two-thirds vote in both Houses, followed by approval from 38 of the 50 states. This is a seemingly impossible hurdle. A recent Republican effort to pass term limits in the House failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority by 60 votes. The prospects in the Senate appear no brighter:

The Republican backing for term limits has its roots in the party's 40 years in the political wilderness, when Democrats controlled Congress and public distrust of government and career politicians flourished. To some extent, the cause lost its potency when the Republicans took office last November after defeating some of the longest-serving Democrats.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker, asked voters to send 60 more Republicans to Washington in next year's congressional elections, to give him the majority needed to get the measure through. The Senate's Republican leader, Robert Dole, promised a term limits vote in the Senate "soon", but was vague about the date. The Term Limits Leadership Council, a group lobbying for the measure, accused the Supreme Court of overturning the wishes of 25 million Americans who have already voted for term limits.

Justice John Paul Stevens, speaking for the court's moderate majority, said state-imposed restrictions would be contrary to the fundamental principles of democracy. "The people should choose whom they please to govern them," he said. Justice Clarence Thomas, in an opinion for the conservative minority, wrote that nothing in the Constitution deprives the people of each state from deciding the rules of eligibility of those who seek to represent them in Congress.

History is on the side of the majority verdict. In framing the Constitution in 1787, the Founding Fathers rejected a rotation system that would have forced law-makers to step aside after several terms. The latest ruling does not affect state legislatures, where term limits can be imposed.



Yassir Arafat kisses King Husain of Jordan on the forehead after his arrival at Amman airport yesterday. The Palestine Liberation Organisation leader flew to Jordan for talks with the King during an overnight stay

Baghdad minister sacked over crime wave

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein has sacked one of his half-brothers, the Iraqi Interior Minister, apparently for failing to curb a growing crime wave and attacks on government officials.

Watban Ibrahim al-Takriti's removal came days after he was reported to have been the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt in Baghdad. It was the second reported attempt on one of President Saddam's closest aides in as many months. His eldest son and heir apparent, Uday, was said to have been badly wounded in an ambush. The Iraqi leader announced on his 58th birthday last month the formation of a new presidential guard, the Lions of Saddam.

Mr al-Takriti's removal was seen as the result of his rivalry with Uday, whose newspaper, *Babel*, has attacked his ministry and the police for failing to control a crime wave that has grown with the five-year-old United Nations sanctions.

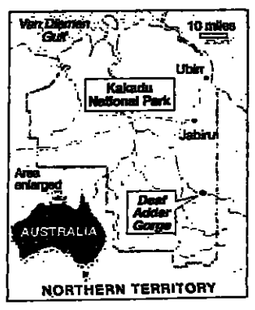
Crayon discovery sets art history back 25,000 years

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ART is even years older than was thought, Australian archaeologists have concluded after discovering that an ancient "crayon" found in the Northern Territory is 60,000 years old. This is a full 25,000 years before man started drawing animals on the walls of caves at Lascaux in France and Altamira in Spain, until now considered the first stirrings of artistic culture.

If confirmed, the Australian results will do more than rewrite the history of art. They will also throw into doubt the belief that modern man first emerged in Africa, and only reached Australia 40,000 years ago. The crayon is a piece of haematite — iron oxide, or red ochre — flattened on one side.

Dr Alan Thorne, head of the Department of Prehistory at the Australian National University in Canberra, said yesterday: "It had been used to grind red powder. The only



thing you use this for is some sort of artistic purpose; to paint your body, a shield, make a hand stencil on the wall." The crayon was found by the university archaeologists at a rock-shelter used by early man and known as Nauwalabila I, in the Deaf Adder Gorge east of Darwin. This and another nearby site, called Malakunanja II, were excavated in the early 1980s, but fragments found at their lowest levels, 10ft down, could not then be accurately dated.

Now two new techniques have been used. Both depend on measuring the numbers of electrons trapped in buried particles of quartz. The electrons are trapped at a regular rate so long as the specimen is buried, but can be released by heating or exposure to light. As they are freed, the particles briefly release photons, which cause a momentary glow. Measuring the glow shows how long the specimen has been buried. When the Australian team claimed to have dated Malakunanja material to 55,000 to 60,000 years ago, "people really raised their eyebrows", said Dr Rhys Jones, of the university. But now the same date had been given to the material found at Nauwalabila, including the iron ochre crayon.

"It's an extremely early discovery and very significant but we don't know what they did with the ochre," Dr Andree Rosenfeld, an expert in Stone Age art at ANU, said yesterday. "They must have used it to colour, but whether it was paintings or body art we don't know."

Some European and American archaeologists remain sceptical. When Dr Jones reported some of the results at a conference in San Francisco recently, Dr Richard Klein of Stanford University said: "Similar haematite fragments have been found in many Neanderthal sites and sites of comparable age in Africa without evidence of art."

Dr Chris Stringer, an expert in human evolution at the Natural History Museum in London, said that red ochre is common in sites from about 100,000 years ago. "The evidence for these Australian dates has been growing for the past few years. But it is only a surprise if you think that art was invented in Europe 40,000 years ago, and most of us no longer think that."

Until now, the first evidence of art dates from around 35,000 years ago in Europe, and the tradition of cave paintings reached a full flowering about 17,000 years ago, the date of the recently discovered cave in the Ardèche region of France which is full of images of animals.

If early Australians were really painting 60,000 years ago, it means that modern humans may have evolved independently in different places, rather than radiating outwards from Africa.

Genetic studies and the fossil record suggest that modern man evolved in Africa 140,000 years ago, reached Europe 50,000 years ago, and did not set foot in Australia for another 10,000 years.

If the new dates can be sustained, says Dr Klein, "it will force an enormous amount of rethinking".

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President's surprise move loads the electoral dice in his favour as support weakens

Yeltsin veto risks crisis in Duma and threatens poll

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday jeopardised Russia's general elections planned for this year when he vetoed a key electoral Bill and triggered a political crisis with parliament.

In a move which surprised and angered leading Russian politicians, Mr Yeltsin rejected proposed legislation setting out the rules for future parliamentary elections. The Duma, the Lower House of parliament, had passed the Bill which proposed that half of the 450 deputies would be elected by party list, while the other half would be elected by regional constituencies.

The President said in a letter to Ivan Rybkin, the Speaker of Parliament, that he favoured a two-thirds, one-third breakdown in favour of the constituencies to make deputies more accountable to the electorate. He also opposed the Duma's decision to bar serving government officials from standing as parliamentary candidates.

The row is more than just a question of political semantics. Public support for Mr Yeltsin and his Government has been steadily eroding for months to the point where his supporters face defeat at the general elections and he faces a tough re-election campaign in polls due next year.

However, through a system of patronage the President still maintains powerful supporters among regional governors, factory bosses and bureaucrats who can often play a deciding role in the success or failure of candidates standing in the provinces. In contrast, populist parties, like Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party, which won a third of the seats in the last elections, do better under the party list system.

"The dispute over the election Bill is another crossroads at which the head of state chose the worst path," said Viktor Sheinis, a member of the liberal Yabloko faction. "The [future] legislature will reflect only the interests of the ruling elite rather than the people."

Democrats, communists and nationalist Duma members promised to fight the presidential veto, which many regarded as an attempt to load the election in favour of the newly-formed government party "Our Home is Russia" led by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister. "The broad representation of districts will enable [Mr Chernomyrdin's] party of power to help its candidates at elections and give a free hand to the regional mafia," said Anatoli Lukyanov, a communist deputy and former chairman of the Soviet parliament.

Kremlin officials insisted that a compromise can still be reached in time for the elections. However, the Kremlin and Duma have only a few weeks to reach an accord. The new law must be passed by parliament and the President no later than August 12, four months before polling day.

"It is very hard to imagine a Duma majority accepting the President's proposals," said Vasili Lipitsky, a deputy in parliament. "The possibility that we will not have this law ready in August has greatly increased."

☐ **TV block:** The Federation Council, Russia's Upper House of parliament, yesterday voted to suspend Mr Yeltsin's plans to privatise the country's main television channel. The Duma made the same decision last month. *(AP)*

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Russian troops fire an anti-tank missile during fighting at a cement plant in Chiri-Yurt in the breakaway Caucasian republic of Chechenia

Chechens castrated Russian prisoners, says refugee

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-FIVE Russian soldiers captured by Chechen rebels were surgically castrated, according to Western intelligence sources yesterday.

The grim account of the fate that befell the Russians after being taken prisoner was revealed by a refugee medical worker who was in the civilian hospital where the soldiers were taken for treatment. Discounting the possibility that the report was merely part of a black propaganda campaign, the intelligence sources said that the medical worker described in a debriefing how the soldiers had been castrated with professional precision. There was no sign of any battle wounds.

The brutal treatment of the Russians underlined the dangers facing the occupying forces as they attempt to crush the Chechen rebels.

Yesterday there was fierce fighting around the village of Bamut, including Russian air attacks, despite the prospect of peace talks which are due to begin tomorrow . The talks are being held between Chechen and Russian representatives under the auspices of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe at its mission in Grozny, the capital of Chechenia.

However, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen rebel leader, has apparently decided not to attend the peace talks. Salambek Khadzhiyev, the Moscow-appointed head of the new Chechen government, said General Dudayev's name had not been included on a list of Chechen representatives for the talks.

The Itar-Tass news agency in Moscow said the Chechen delegation would be led instead by Usman Imayev, the prosecutor-general, who would have the right to negotiate an end to the five-month conflict in which thousands of people have died.

A Hungarian foreign ministry official had earlier said he was sure General Dudayev would turn up for the talks.

Bonn lets East's old spies go free



Wolf: argued that he was patriotic servant of East

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

MARKUS WOLF, the East German spymaster, and his thousands of agents are likely to escape police investigations and prison sentences thanks to a Constitutional Court ruling that seeks to close the chapter on the era of Cold War espionage.

The court has decided by five votes to three that it was unjust for the united Germany to imprison spies who operated out of East German territory, since they had been acting in accordance with the law of their state. The judgment — reached after four years of deliberation and justified in an 80-page document — ensures that Wolf, once regarded as the model of John Le Carré's sinister Karla, need not serve out his six-year jail sentence for espionage. He had not been jailed, pending the ruling. He had argued in his defence, and on behalf of his former agents, that he had merely been a patriotic servant of the East German state.

Ten convicted East German spies appealed for a pardon yesterday hours after the court's verdict. The issue of Germans who acted against West German interests, but in accordance with East German law, has dogged Bonn's attempts to make a final reckoning with the communist past.

Courts have found former communists guilty of only minor crimes or, as in the case of Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, freed them because of ill-health or old age. Most border guards who killed fugitives were convicted of murder, but were given light sentences.



Berlusconi: might be forced to sell stations

Berlusconi pulls out of TV talks

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS
IN ROME

SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the Italian media tycoon, yesterday pulled out of negotiations designed to forestall a referendum next month on concentration of television ownership.

The former Prime Minister's Forza Italia party and other political groups have been trying to find a legislative compromise that would stop the referendum taking place on June 11. Italians will be asked whether they want to revoke existing legislation on media ownership, paving the way for a new law that would probably oblige Signor Berlusconi to sell two of his three television stations.

He complained that the compromise mooted by the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) and other parties of the Left and Centre would leave intact state ownership of the three channels of RAI, the public broadcasting corporation, while forcing him to sell off one of his channels at once and another within two years.

"Such a proposal would be unthinkable in a civilised country," Signor Berlusconi said. "It is as if Fiat or any other company had been ordered to reduce its productive capacity by a third and then by another third."

Signor Berlusconi has accused Italy's anti-corruption magistrates of trying to influence the referendum by requesting last weekend that he and some 20 other people be sent for trial on charges of alleged corruption of tax inspectors investigating the books of his Fininvest holding company.

Isolated Karadzic hints at starting Bosnia peace talks

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader, has indicated that he may be ready to begin peace talks, saying the plan put forward last year by the five-nation Contact Group is not very different from Serb proposals and the two positions could be "harmonised".

His statement comes as he faces increasing isolation from Serbia, believed to be close to recognising Bosnia-Herzegovina. Diplomats and peace mediators were wary last night, however, of being too optimistic about a real change of heart by the Bosnian Serbs.

Dr Karadzic was quoted by Bosnian Serb radio as saying: "We would like the Security Council to know that we are ready to treat the Contact Group's plan as the basis for the resumption of the peace process." One diplomatic source said: "We have to look at the wording of this very carefully. He uses the word 'treat' and what he needs at least to do is 'accept' the plan as a basis."

The Contact Group proposed dividing Bosnia and giving 41 per cent to the Serbs and 51 per cent to the federation of Muslims and Croats. Their plan was rejected last July by the Serbs, who hold 70 per cent of the country after more than three years of war.

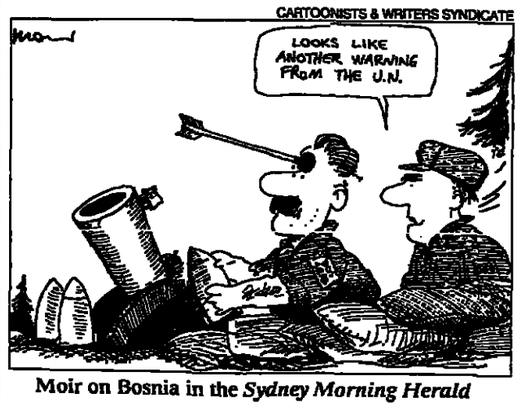
"The real problem is not the 51-49 per cent split: the real issue is sovereign status for the Serbs," said a Bosnian Serb spokesman. The Contact Group believes recognition of Bosnia by President Milosevic of Serbia would weaken Dr Karadzic and shorten the war. However, diplomats and peace negotiators who said on Monday that Mr Milosevic was ready to recognise the republic, were more cautious last night. "It's 90 per cent done but there remain some differences over the sanctions package," one diplomatic source said.

Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, meanwhile linked the continued presence of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the former Yugoslavia to the Serbian recognition of Bosnia. He said of the campaign to persuade Belgrade to recognise Sarajevo: "If these latest efforts proved to be in vain, neither France nor its partners could for long maintain its peacekeepers."

The pressure on Dr Karadzic is being made even more intense because the rearmed Bosnian government army has launched increasingly successful assaults in different parts of Bosnia. Moreover, Serb troops are suffering from poor morale, shortage of food and a desperate lack of currency to cover their wages, according to Western intelligence sources yesterday.

In the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Orasje, in the north, the Serbs are known to be running out of artillery shells and are having to use tanks to maintain their defences.

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Jobs take priority on Juppé agenda

FROM ADAM SAGE
IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S first administration promised new jobs, pay rises and a cut in public deficits before European monetary union, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, said yesterday.

Giving details of policies aimed at restoring confidence to a nation battered by social division, M Juppé, 49, said that the fight for jobs would be an overriding priority for his Gaullist-led Government. "The entire programme that I present today can be summed up by a single word: employment," he told the National Assembly.

Yet in an announcement largely inspired by M Chirac's election manifesto, the Prime Minister also pledged a significant increase in the minimum wage and backed the principle of rises for private-sector workers. At the same time, he reaffirmed a commitment to European union that critics had cast doubt on during the presidential election campaign, telling deputies that France would be ready for the single currency by 1999.

The cut in public deficits required by the Maastricht treaty would be undertaken despite pledges that involve building houses and welfare reform, he said. There was no question of ending the policy of "franc fort", he added, in response to last week's rumours that M Chirac might seek a devaluation to relaunch the economy.

At the heart of yesterday's announcement were a series of measures to relieve the huge tax burden on industry, driving a jobless total that stands at 3,827,800. Under the proposals, companies who take on low-wage workers will be exonerated from paying social security contributions that are among the highest in Europe.

A promise to build 10,000 homes for the ever-increasing numbers of homeless is also likely to prove costly, as will commitments to increase the state pension and introduce a new child support allowance.

M Juppé did not say how he intended to finance his programmes, although there is little doubt that difficult decisions lie ahead. M Chirac indicated during the election campaign that VAT would probably have to rise.

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Lung fungus left iceman gasping

FROM GILES WHITTELL
IN LOS ANGELES

EUROPE'S 5,300-year-old "iceman" may have collapsed and died on a lonely Alpine pass because his lungs were assailed by a fungus.

A tiny sample of lung tissue from the iceman, discovered in 1991 preserved in ice near the Otztal valley in Austria, was sent to a Californian laboratory for DNA analysis. Scientists found traces of a fungus that could have left the iceman gasping for breath in what became his tomb, 10,000ft above sea level near the Italian border.

The iceman, also known as Similaun man after a ridge near where he was found, and *Homo tyrolensis*, is the best-preserved Bronze Age corpse found in Europe.

Ever since two climbers stumbled on his legs emerging from a glacier, experts have argued over his age, the reason for his perilous final journey and the manner of his death. This latest finding by Dr Raul Cano, of the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, adds weight to theories that his body had already been weakened by disease.

A search for further evidence yielded a finger nail. Analysis of keratin levels suggested that the iceman was stricken by a chronic infectious illness four months before he died, scientists said last year.

The DNA pattern found in the lung tissue by Dr Cano bears a genetic resemblance to a modern fungus, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, which often attacks those ill with other diseases.

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China gives US ultimatum over Taiwanese visit

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PEKING yesterday demanded that Washington should withdraw its visa for the President of Taiwan to visit the United States next month or face a serious deterioration in relations.

Qian Qichen, China's Foreign Minister, summoned J. Stapleton Roy, the US Ambassador, and accused the United States of "conniving at creating two Chinas" by allowing President Lee Teng-hui to visit his alma mater, Cornell University, to receive an honorary degree and deliver a speech.

The permission, granted by President Clinton at the weekend under pressure from the Republican-dominated Congress, reverses a policy of excluding senior Taiwan officials from the United States that began in 1979 when Washington recognised the present Chinese Government.

Although Winston Lord, the US Assistant Secretary of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said in Hong Kong last week that such a "visitor's visa", given on a "strictly private basis", does not represent a change in policy, the decision to approve Mr Lee's visit marks a serious diplomatic defeat for Peking. How serious became clearer yesterday when Nicholas Burns, of the US State Department, refused to rule out future meetings between Mr Lee and members of Congress, on the ground that any contact would be "unofficial".

Peking has described the American move as "an extremely serious act of brazenly creating 'two Chinas', that damages China's sovereignty and undermines its cause for peaceful reunification. Not only will Sino-US relations not develop, they may regress."

Relations are already so poor that when Mr Clinton met President Jiang Zemin this month in Moscow for ceremonies to mark the wartime victory over Germany, the two men did not speak.

Mr Clinton's U-turn, while reflecting American frustration over such issues as China's human rights record, arms sales to the Middle East and copyright piracy, also represents a pragmatic reassessment of economic and domestic political realities. Taiwan is America's fifth largest trading partner and is regarded by many in Congress and the White House as



Qian: accused America of creating two Chinas

having made great strides towards democracy. This contrasts with Peking's record where, in the past week alone, another crackdown has been carried out on pro-democracy dissidents.

Yesterday Mr Lee expressed his pleasure over Mr Clinton's decision, which he said would improve relations between the two countries. The American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital, also hailed the news.

Mr Clinton's decision to admit Mr Lee, and effectively to abandon his previous strategy of trying to develop a strong relationship with Peking, has won him bipartisan congressional praise.

Jesse Helms, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Mr Lee was "a bold democratic reformer and refusing him entry would have been an insult".

Earlier this month the Senate had approved by 97-1 a non-binding resolution urging Mr Clinton to reconsider his refusal to grant Mr Lee a visa. "It's a reward for President Lee's efforts to move that country towards democracy," said Frank Murkowski, a Republican senator. Paul Simon, a Democratic Senator, said he wanted the United States to maintain good relations with China, "but our policy shouldn't be dictated by another country".

China yesterday stepped up pressure on the pro-democracy movement before next month's sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, by arresting another dissident.

Jiang Qisheng, 47, who has signed two petitions calling for greater democracy, was detained, according to his wife. Twelve dissidents are known to have been arrested or to have disappeared in the past week. *(AFP)*



A Cambodian Buddhist monk sprinkles holy water on a family as he walks past them in Phnom Penh yesterday. About 450 monks and 40 other walkers are taking part in a peace march through Cambodia and Vietnam. The event began in Auschwitz last month and ends in Hiroshima in August

Indian parties fight to get hands on symbol

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S two Congress parties, both claiming to be the real one, are fighting for possession of the country's most famous political symbol, the hand.

The stakes are high: the winner will be de facto heir to more than a century of history and decades of political power since independence in 1947. The newly formed breakaway Congress party headed by N. D. Tiwari, a veteran politician from Uttar Pradesh, and Arjun Singh, a former Cabinet minister, is taking legal advice before asking the Election Commission to allocate the symbol of the hand.

With widespread illiteracy, all parties are allocated symbols for use at polling booths and in election campaigns. They appear on ballot papers, and illiterate voters are allowed to vote with a thumbprint.

For years the hand has been instantly identifiable across India as the symbol of the Congress party. That headed by P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, will fight to keep it, but the Election Commission may ban either side from using it. That would boost the claim of the rebels that they are the real thing. The Congress (Tiwari) party argues that the Election Commission allocated the hand to the Congress (I) party — the I stands for Indira, as in Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister. The "I" was officially dropped from the name of Mr Rao's party two years ago because it was regarded as redundant. The breakaway Congress party officially calls itself Congress (I).



Peking tackled on UN women's venue

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE United Nations may have to find a new venue for its World Conference on Women, due to be held in Peking in September, unless the Chinese Government relents in trying to sideline the aid agencies that want to attend, Oxfam said yesterday.

Peking has ordered that the conference of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), to be attended by more than 20,000 people, must be held at Huairou, 35 miles from the Chinese capital, making it almost impossible for the agencies to play their traditional role of lobbying at the UN event. The NGO Forum has given the Chinese and the UN until today to "provide an acceptable alternative", said Eugenia Piza-López, a senior policy adviser to Oxfam.

Hillary Clinton is due to attend the main conference but has reportedly said that she is not sure where it will be held and is no longer sure whether she will go.

The aid agencies are furious at being relegated to Huairou because only one public bus connects the town with Peking and the journey takes an hour and a half. The groups are also worried about telecommunications and living conditions for their forum. There are also no facilities for the disabled.

Congress sharpens axe for aid cuts

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS controlling the US Congress yesterday turned their knives on a foreign aid budget that most Americans think is bigger than it really is. They also want to eliminate three foreign affairs agencies and intervene in three difficult areas of the Clinton Administration's foreign policy.

In an effort to blunt the Republican offensive, Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, wrote to President Clinton urging him to veto any Bill that reduces aid or impinges on foreign policy. He said that any such proposal would be "an extraordinary assault on the President's constitutional authority", which would also undermine American leadership in the world.

White House officials said Mr Clinton shares Mr Christopher's concerns, but wants to see the final Bill before deciding whether to use his veto.

At issue are the fundamentally opposing views of Republicans and Democrats over foreign affairs. Overseas aid, which is the least popular item of government spending among voters, lies at the heart of the problem. Jesse Helms, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is committed to ending to what he regards as the squandering of money abroad with nothing to show for it. He once said: "American taxpayers have spent two trillion dollars on aid programmes, much of that going down foreign rat-holes."

In fact, foreign aid consumes only 1 per cent of the federal budget: $17.5 billion (£11 billion) this year. That is not the public perception, however. A poll by the University of Maryland found that respondents estimated that 18 per cent of the budget was allocated and that 8 per cent would be more appropriate.

Republicans want to cut foreign aid to more than 100 countries by as much as 15 per cent. Their Bill would abolish the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the United States Information Agency. Broadcasting by the Voice of America would be substantially reduced.

The Bill is also intended to reverse Mr Clinton's decision to send refugees back to Cuba; to cut aid to Russia if it sells nuclear reactors to Iran; and to ban any normalisation of relations with Vietnam until Hanoi accounts for the 1,600 US servicemen still missing after the Vietnam War.

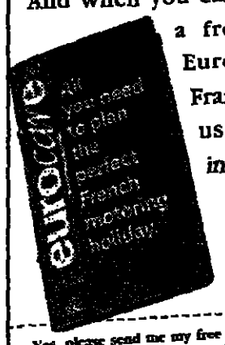
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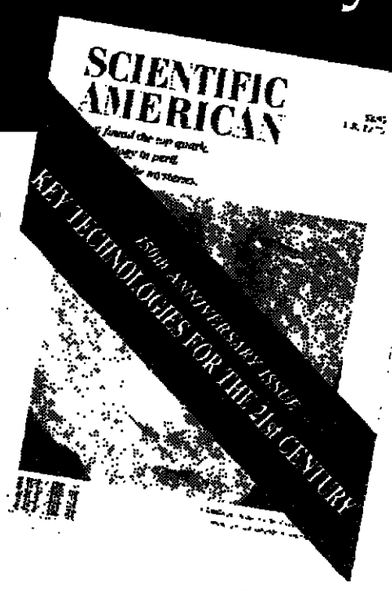
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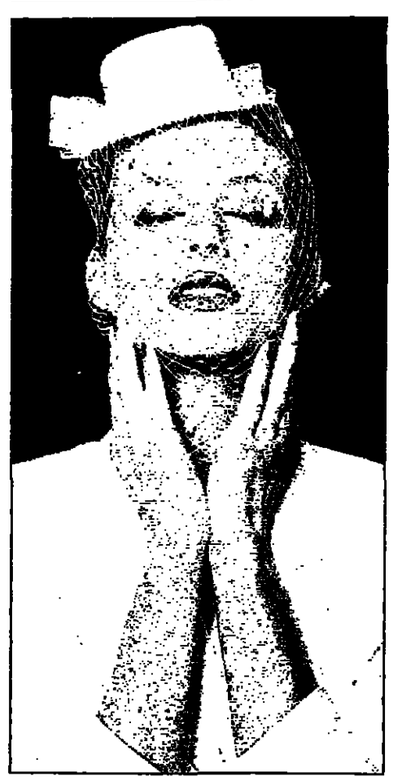
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FAR LEFT: Ivory felt top hat with grosgrain bow, £245 approx, Frederick Fox, Harrods, London SW1; Harvey Nichols, London SW1. Ivory satin single-breasted trouser suit and matching halterneck waistcoat, £845, Dolce & Gabbana, Browns, 23-27 South Molton St, London W1.

LEFT: Ivory mini top hat with chiffon bow and fine veil, £75, to order, Stephen Jones (0171-734 9666). White crêpe double-breasted jacket, £155; matching trousers, £95, Liz Claiborne, Selfridges, Oxford St, London W1; Dickens & Jones, Regent St, London W1; Rackhams, 35 Temple Row, Birmingham; Kendals, Deansgate, Manchester.

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With so much talk about the return of ladylike looks, it seems that there is little else on offer this summer. But fashion is a business and designers always cover their backs. The flip side to this utterly feminine fashion story is an androgynous take on men's tailoring.

In complete contrast to the flirtatious mood of the skimpy shifts, the chic little dress-and-jacket suits and the cute cardigans, this excursion into the menswear arena is all about a stark silhouette.

Invariably monochromatic (the only colours which creep in are still a touch sombre — charcoal grey and midnight blue), the look evokes memories of old black and white movies: at Dolce & Gabbana the models, in their strictly tailored black tuxedo jackets and matching Oxford bags, wing-collared white shirts and black ties (held in place with silver and *diamanté* tie-clips) looked like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. Without shirt and tie, the streamlined suit against bare skin is somewhat more inviting.

Such an immaculate image requires precision tailoring. This is one area of fashion where the higher echelon designers have it completely sewn up. Unfortunately, it is rare to find quality tailoring with rock-bottom price tags.

However, with the summer sales looming, such a luxury can become a wise buy. A perfectly tailored black trouser suit will last a lifetime. This summer the white or ivory trouser suit (think Robert Redford as the Great Gatsby) is a favourite with designers as diverse as Martine Sitbon, Dolce & Gabbana, Ralph Lauren, Dries van Noten, Sonia Rykiel, Helmut Lang, Jil Sander, MaxMara and Giorgio Armani. On first sight it may appear a frivolous purchase, but there are now few seasons which pass without a pale trouser suit featuring somewhere on the catwalks. It seems certain to become a constant classic and, cleaning bills aside, such an investment will undoubtedly prove money well spent.

Fashion
IAIN R. WEBB

One designer whose impeccable tailoring cannot be faulted is Yves Saint Laurent. There are few who can can match his enduring rigour when it comes to shaping the line of a shoulder or cutting a back seam to curve with the body, not fight against it. This season Saint Laurent's *le smoking* tuxedo suit, which is now as acceptable worn during daylight hours as it is seen after dark, is still a wonder to behold and a joy to wear. Alternatively, his gangster-style, grey chalk-stripe trouser suit, if a little less glossy, makes a sharp option.

For those who do not want to dress up like a former First Lady or a Hitchcock heroine, these slick suits are a perfect choice for smart social outings. Even Royal Ascot. Although there is a popular belief that any woman striding through Ascot's hallowed gates wearing trousers will be, if not turned on her heels, at the very least frowned upon, St James's Palace maintains that women have been allowed to wear trousers for years. The only ruling is that the trousers must be part of a formal suit which matches top and bottom and, naturally, the wearer must not forget a hat.

A top hat completes the outfit with a certain flair and finesse. Worn at a jaunty angle (it should tilt forwards on the head with a sideways slant) and trimmed with all manner of veiling, hat pins, feathers and bows, it is a far cry from the masculine image one might expect.

The final touches, to dispel any notion that such a bold look is for men only, are a pair of high-heeled strappy shoes and a flash of glossy red nail varnish on fingers *and* toes.

RACHEL COLLINS

ON THE LINE

● **IF YOU wear this summer's gossamer-fine fabrics, should you feature or disguise the underpinnings? Eyecatching cover-ups work well when they are cut on the generous side, looking like a two-piece for the beach. Prada has bras at £113 and briefs at £122 at its Sloane Street store. Otherwise, an opaque, seamless, skin-toned foundation should be worn. Warner's has introduced Not So Innocent Nudes — bodies, briefs and bras in three skin tones; from £7 for a brief to £15 for a bra, at Fenwicks of New Bond Street. Sock Shops also have a "nude" underwear range from £5.99 for briefs.**

● **TO CELEBRATE its new membership of the Guild of Master Craftsmen, Wardrobe is holding a party at 3 Grosvenor Street, London W1, tomorrow at 6pm. The first six *Times* readers to phone 0171-629 7044 can join in. Guests will receive a pair of £12.99 Girardi tights.**

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The wife who was jailed for lying about her husband's car crash was obeying an age-old maternal instinct to protect her brood — and her partner

Crazy women who stand by their men



LIBBY PURVES

CONNOISSEURS of social cliché have had a wonderful few days following the case of David and Patricia Whitehead and their bruising brush with justice. The Whiteheads score so many stereotypical Brownie points you get quite dizzy: churchgoers, running an off-licence in a commuter village, he working at a hospital, she the Akela of the local Cub pack and mother of three angelic little boys; the car accident only happened because he was caringly driving his old parents to an Isle of Wight ferry. Hard to get more respectable.

Moreover, it was a motorcycle he collided with (bikers score pretty low on the middle-England indignation scale) and it was widely, and not quite accurately, reported that nobody was hurt and that it was nobody's fault. In fact the biker got a nasty ankle, and Mr Whitehead reportedly admitted: "I just didn't see him." Then he went home and persuaded his wife to say she was driving. So a judge (another figure currently scoring low in public estimation) packed them off to prison without a thought for their small children.

The nation seethed loudly all weekend, culminating in the clarion call from *The Sun* for the judge himself to be locked up. On Monday three appeal judges set Mrs Whitehead free. Lord Justice Swinton Thomas made some stern noises about perverting the course of justice, but his heart clearly wasn't in it. Not with nice, gentle Mrs Whitehead thanking him politely for the community service order. He gently replied: "You are very welcome", which says it for us all. It was a silly decision to jail her.

But talking of silly decisions, what woman does not secretly empathise with the wife's original dilemma? This is a good citizen: before she was sent down she said: "We knew lying to the police was very wrong and it is humiliating. I feel so ashamed and it is against everything I believe in and everything I teach my kids and my Cub Scouts."

So why on earth did she go along with her husband's harebrained, hopeless lie? She wasn't even in the car, and there were several witnesses. His fear of losing his licence was apparently unfounded: even if he had, there is a perfectly good railway station in Brockenhurst. The fear of losing his job can only have been a symptom of shock: he was not a professional driver. At such a moment a wife's logical role is to talk the man down, brace him up, and help him to do the George Washington bit when the police arrive.

But she didn't. She lived a lie for 17 terrible days. Terrible, because even though they did not expect prison no mother of young children enjoys being on the wrong side of the law. In that tender maternal phase, the last thing you want is to be an outcast: you feel a very deep need to have society on your side. You are the opposite of a rebel. She must have hated every minute.

YET SHE did it, and she was not the first. Other women have told the same lie, or climbed across to the driving-seat after an accident when their men have been drinking. Countless wives and girlfriends have lied about their menfolk's violence ("I walked into a door"), about their drinking, even their abuse of the children. Police are familiar with the frustration of cases in which the only witness will not testify as to what really happened to the baby, or how the house caught fire. The law recognises the tendency by allowing wives not to testify against husbands; but some, like Mrs Whitehead, take it further and produce alibis. We are like the chilling perjured heroine in *Witness for the Prosecution*, or E.M. Forster when he said that given a choice between betraying his country or his friend he hoped he would betray his country. Our loyalty is frighteningly complete.

It can't just be the desire to keep our breadwinner at liberty: not these days. It must be a warped maternal urge. We want at all costs to protect all our brood of chicks, and automatically include the six-foot-two one with the big feet and stubbly chin. So we abandon logic and morality and end up doing something crazily, humiliatingly wrong. You really mustn't ask us, chaps. It isn't fair.

Besides, after a bit of thinking over the Whitehead case, we might come to our senses and manage to say no.

'The over forties want to be allowed to have sex lives too'

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets two very different exponents of the art of the best-selling romantic novel

DES JENSON



British star: romantic novelist of the year Elizabeth Buchan's women have lumpy bodies and awkward teenagers, buy their knickers in Marks & Spencer and deceive their husbands

Spencer Huntington has white-blonde hair, an hourglass figure and a perfect face. She lives in uptown Miami; her ancestors came over on the *Mayflower*. Her lover, David Delgado, is a dashing, dark policeman, and together they investigate the murder of her husband, Danny.

Prue Valour is a once attractive housewife from Hampshire, fighting middle age. Her lover is her stepdaughter's husband, Jamie. They meet in seedy London hotels and agonise over their deviousness.

Which of these women do you feel closest to? Which would you rather read about? Harlequin Mills & Boon hopes you will go for sexy Spencer, heroine of *Slow Burn*, the 78th novel by Heather Graham Pozzessere, former model, actress and bartender, now the dominatrix of American romance, who attracts nine-hour queues for her autograph.

Macmillan is sure that British readers will warm to village stalwart Prue, heroine of *Perfect Love* by Elizabeth Buchan, a former publisher and 1994's Romantic Novelist of the Year for her book *Consider the Lily*, a compulsive story of a flat-chested orphan who marries a man who is in love with her cousin and lost his virginity to an Arab boy.

Buchan was influenced by Jane Austen, the Brontës and Daphne du Maurier. Today, she is instantly compared to Joanna Trollope. Buchan is better, but both write about characters from that recognisable world of Agas and church flower arranging. They have lumpy bodies and awkward teenagers and buy their knickers in Marks & Spencer. They deceive their husbands and discover, in the words of Thomas Hardy, that true love can only grow in "the interstices of a harsh, prosaic reality".

Such books are the antithesis of the sex-and-shopping bonkbusters of the Eighties. According to Suzanne Baboneau, Bantam's editor, these "wanted to dream. A gentler, older and wiser, readership wants novels that reflect their own, complicated lives.

"This is the genre that is going to last," says Ms Baboneau. "Buchan is writing about a world in which everything is fine on the surface and then something changes in your life, but it's not a man dashing in on a white horse. Readers think 'God, this could happen to me'."

Certainly it is hard to imagine a Barbara Cartland heroine sorting through a laundry basket, as Prue does, and being depressed by her stepdaughter's wispy knickers. Romance, surely, should be about escapism, about beautiful young virgins taming world-weary rakes. Ever since 1909 Mills & Boon has been churning out hundreds of such stories every month. Women's romance makes up 44 per cent of the world's fiction market: in 1993 250 million M&B romances were sold in 100 countries. "I asked a Japanese publisher why our books were so successful in their country, which has a completely different culture," says Linda Fildew, a senior editor. "She said that Japanese men weren't very expressive, that they didn't acknowledge birthdays, and so women loved to fantasise about romantic heroes sweeping them off their feet."

But even here, the times are changing. Sex slipped its way between the flimsy covers several years ago and guidelines warn the 4,000 hopefuls who submit manuscripts each year that heroines must be "established in an interesting career".

Heather Graham Pozzessere, dressed in red mini-skirt and jacket with matching talons, agrees that her readers would feel betrayed if she wrote a "tea and crumpets book". "Sex sells," she says. "In the past 20 years the world has changed so drastically. You can't have a hero with lots of experience because of Aids. And our readers are the baby boomers who want to read about people their own age."





American star: Heather Graham Pozzessere boosts her sales by posing with her husband on the cover of her novels

Buchan, in velvet headband, agrees that the over-forties want to feel they are allowed sex lives. Her sex scenes are elliptical, her dustjackets are tastefully pastel. "You could give them to your grandmother and she wouldn't be ashamed to put them on her shelves, which she would be with Julie Burchill." Graham Pozzessere often poses for her covers herself, in medieval wench or Southern Belle gear, along with her pony-tailed husband, Dennis, who is her business manager.

Slow Burn (subheading "Together They Sizzled" and a perfectly enjoyable yarn) is her first novel for Mira, a new M&B imprint which accommodates longer novels. These books, Ms Fildew tells me happily, will be sold in Dillons and Waterstones as opposed to the traditional M&B flogging ground of CTNs (confectioners, tobacconists, newsagents), where novels are said to have a shelf-life longer than milk, but shorter than yoghurt.

Neither Graham Pozzessere nor Buchan is tulle-draped and drenched in Le Jardin. "Nothing about writing is what I envisaged it to be," says Graham Pozzessere, mother of five. "You start out because you love to do it, you end up asking 'What's my print run? How's it going to be displayed?' " She spends as much time promoting as writing and is in close consultation with her fellow novelists on such questions as "dialogue, narrative, and what do you do when you're on publicity tour and you lose your luggage". At trade fairs they hand out sweeties with her name printed on them. "My biggest excitement was when they started stocking my books in the grocery store."

Meanwhile Buchan saw *Consider the Lily* being given away free with every jar of Oil of Ulay sold in Boots in the run-up to Mother's Day. "It was wonderful," she says. "Trillions more people read it than would have done otherwise." I ask her what her most romantic moment was and she is taken aback. One, she says eventually, was going to Glyndebourne on the coldest, windiest night of last year with Benjy, her husband of 23 years. The other was when she won the romantic novel prize. "I've never been kissed so much in my life."

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Giving way to the IRA over arms

Paul Bew says the Unionist voice is not being heard

For all the inevitable air of pantomime, Sir Patrick Mayhew's Washington meeting with Gerry Adams is probably the only way to prevent a public relations disaster. It may very well be that the idea of sending the Secretary of State at all is based on an overestimation of the purely economic value of this conference on investment, but once the decision to send Sir Patrick was taken, the meeting with the Sinn Fein president was inevitable.

So far, American economic commitment to Northern Ireland has been disappointing in real terms; analogies with the Marshall aid package are ridiculous. The current level of American aid to Northern Ireland annually barely outstrips the gifts of rich individuals to universities in the Irish Republic. If there is a dividend, it is more likely to be political: the British Government will hope, against hope, that the Adams-Mayhew meeting will help to initiate meaningful discussions about arms between Michael Ancram and Martin McGuinness.

More worryingly, the Washington conference may be used as a platform for Dublin's strident policy of economic "harmonisation". Ron Brown, the troubled American Commerce Secretary, has apparently supported the idea of harmonising corporation tax north and south at the much lower level that currently prevails in the Republic. This is a characteristic Dublin theme, but it ignores the crucial importance of a uniform tax rate within the United Kingdom. In this respect, the framework document did not visibly concede any ground, for the uniform rate is essential to the status of the province as an integral part of the United Kingdom.

Once again, a Unionist leader friendly to the British Government has been badly used. James Molyneaux has devoted much effort recently to trying to build around Sir Patrick a *cordon sanitaire* — but this has now been decisively breached. The visible snubbing of the Unionist leader can only increase the chances of Robert McCartney, QC — an arch-critic of Mr Molyneaux's style — in the forthcoming North Down by-election.

On arms, there is no doubt that the two Governments have gone back on their words. On the day of the Downing Street declaration in December 1993, Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, told the Dail: "We are talking about a permanent cessation of violence, and we are talking about a handing up of arms, with the insistence that it would not be a case of 'we are on a temporary cessation of violence to see what the political process offers'." The two Governments agreed that there could be no room for equivocation. This message was strongly supported by John Bruton, then the leader of the Opposition.

On June 1, 1994, lest anyone had forgotten, Mr Spring used precisely the same language: "There will have to be a verification of the handing over of arms. As I have said publicly: there is little point in attempting to bring people into political dialogue on the basis of giving it a try and if it does not work returning to the bomb and the bullet . . . it has to be permanent and there must be evidence of it. There will obviously have to be a precise means of establishing the commitment to use exclusively peaceful methods, and that obviously has to be decided and agreed by both Governments. There can be no participation by Sinn Fein-IRA in political discussions with either Government until they have made a firm commitment that violence has ended."

These speeches clearly demonstrate the falsity of the claim made by republicans — and some fellow travellers in Fianna Fail — that the handing over of arms was not raised before the ceasefire. But they also show slippage by both Governments in two areas: ministers, including Sir Patrick Mayhew, have met Sinn Fein before decommissioning, and many observers believe that a symbolic surrender of some arms will satisfy both Governments.

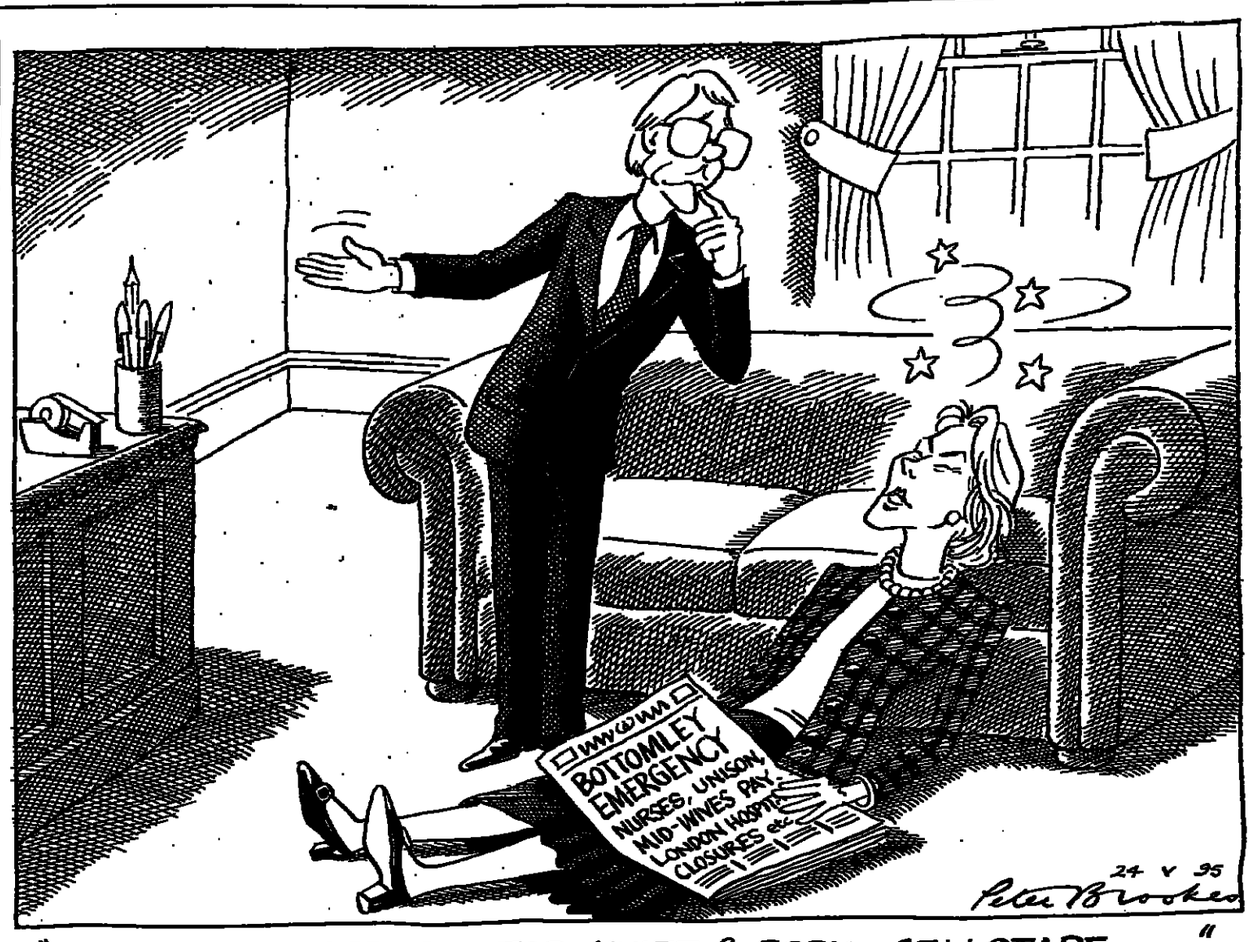
> London and Dublin have changed their tune

It is only fair to add that the other side has changed its tune too. There is some evidence of a melting of hard-core intransigent republican ideology in Northern Ireland. When Jim Gibney, a senior republican, talks of coming to terms with the "positive aspects" of the Britishness of the Unionists, we are entering new territory. At the weekend, Mr Gibney talked of a need for a new language of compromise. A united Ireland remained his "preferred option", but, he added, "there are other options. We will examine them carefully . . . We will consider any political model designed to accommodate the special characteristics of the Irish people which history has handed down to us."

This is very encouraging for those who wish to see a compromise in Northern Ireland. But the British Government's lack of concern for the majority opinion in the province is also a rather worrying feature of the present situation.

For example, *Omnibus*, the official journal of the Northern Ireland Office Information Service, recently asked President Clinton this striking question: "The joint framework document has been launched, and the responses are broadly welcoming, how do you feel about it?" The posing of the question in this way amounts to a casual dismissal of the views, however ill-founded, of Northern Ireland's 13 Unionist MPs. In his last two major interventions at the Dublin Forum — particularly on the vexed matter of the territorial claim — Mr Bruton has moved to meet some Unionist concern. It is time the British Government took a leaf from his book.

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"ER... COATHANGER, PEN TOP, KNIFE & FORK, SELLOTAPE...."

The posthumous years

John Major is a better Thatcherite than his predecessor ever was

Simon Jenkins

John Major should take the Cabinet away for a month. He should do a BBC and hide in some luxury rural retreat to "review strategy" or play ping-pong. There is nothing he can do. The ghost of Margaret Thatcher is once again howling along the corridors of Westminster and must be given its hour. Another book is rising from the graveyard. *The Sunday Times* is already oozing ectoplasm. There will be chain-rattling, back-stabbing, misquotation and distortion. There will be blood. More terrible even than a woman scorned is an author in need of publicity.

Irrespective of what Lady Thatcher calls "seriuous distortion" of her new book, there is no concealing the message. The Gnostics of Thatcherism are now wholly disaffected from the Tory Mother Church. Mr Major is the heretic. A true apostle of the faith must emerge in time for some future leadership contest. No opportunity is lost, not even in a volume heralded as "my early years", to make the now familiar point. We were fools to get rid of her. How different things would be now, if only . . .

If only what? A historian reviewing the past four years and examining each twist would find it hard to put daylight between the actual deeds of John Major's Cabinet and those of a Lady Thatcher had she been in office. As she concedes in her first volume, she too would have reformed the poll tax. I believe she too would have ended with something like the council tax. She too would have raised VAT to pay for it. She too would have protected welfare benefits as the recession deepened. She too would have thrown money at the NHS, the police, at mortgage holders, farmers and lawyers. She always did.

In 1992, Lady Thatcher commented caustically on Mr Major's custodianship of the public finances, that for four years "my Government did not have to borrow to meet our outgoings". This was true during the boom of the late 1980s, when revenue was high and Treasury borrowing was helped by asset sales. But Lady Thatcher borrowed when she had to in her recession, and would have done so when Mr Major did, in the depths of the 1992-93 recession, with an election in the offing. She made none of the structural changes in public spending that would have protected the Exchequer. The huge deficit of £45 billion in 1993-94 was inevitable given the public sector she handed on with the mantle of office.

The guardians of the Thatcherite covenant make much play of Mr Major's Maastricht "betrayal". Yet Mr Major handled the 1991 treaty negotiations just as Lady Thatcher handled the 1986 Single European Act. He fought for the British interest throughout the preliminaries and up to the final night. He demanded the opt-out provisions and was granted them amid furious complaints that he was careless of Europe and interested only in Britain. This was the Thatcher tactic precisely.

In an interview with *The Times* in 1991, Lady Thatcher contrasted her style with that of her successor. "John's style is different from mine," she said. "I had to fight. I know what it is like to be in opposition." He, by implication, was soft. But in 1992 Mr Major fought back from the dire position bequeathed him by Lady Thatcher to win a knife-edge election. She never had a majority of 21 and falling. Having lost the security of a big majority, Mr Major was always at risk of a rebellion. Small majorities demand a very different style of political management.

After that election, Mr Major was immediately submerged by the horrors of withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism and ratification of Maastricht. Lady Thatcher was a stickler for form. She would have defended Britain's position within the ERM (which she took us into), and would have left only when market pressure rendered it untenable. That was what Mr Major did. As for Maastricht ratification, she would have expected her backbenchers to support her in a treaty that she herself had signed, however reluctantly, and to which she was publicly committed. So did he.

Lady Thatcher was always sceptical on Europe. But she never suggested withdrawing, not in her Bruges speech or since. She did not press for a withdrawal mechanism to be included in any revision to the Treaty of Rome. She fought for the British budget rebate, as has Mr Major. She fought against the extension of Commission power, against qualified majority voting, against more power for the European Parliament. Mr Major has fought on all these issues, and been charged with being "a Thatcher in trousers". He vetoed Mr Dehaene as Commission president. The public wants a British prime minister to be a cantankerous, reluctant participant in Europe's affairs, but not a withdrawer. Mr Major has tried to honour this tough brief. She would have done the same.

Likewise, Lady Thatcher would have signed John Major's 1993 Downing Street declaration on Northern Ireland with Dublin. She signed the similar 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement, against the furious opposition of the Unionists and the resignation of her close colleague Ian Gow. She might have opposed some of Mr Major's other reforms, but only on the grounds that they went too far and too fast. The first volume of her memoirs is full of doubts. She discouraged any minister who wanted to privatise British Rail. She was opposed to selling the Post Office and was unenthusiastic about any new confrontation over coal. On all these fronts, progress with "Thatcherism" was not made until she was gone.

Despite talking about the need to end welfare dependancy, she allowed social security spending almost to double in real terms during her time. Housing benefit and invalidity benefit soared in the 1980s, the former as a direct result of her housing reforms. There was much talk of capping social security, cash limiting it, reforming it. But the welfare state remained demand-led and "out of control" until after she left office, indeed until last year. She initiated the Mackay Green Papers on the reform of legal services and the courts. But when the lawyers howled, she backed off. Mr Major has had to pick up the pieces and push on with reform.

Certainly Lady Thatcher initiated the great 1990 upheaval in the National Health Service, probably her most remarkable domestic achievement. But it took her seven years to find the courage to start, in 1987, and the reform was not mentioned in that year's election manifesto. Even then she did not tackle the drugs budget or the shambles of the London hospitals. Mr Major has done both. He is the Thatcherite, while she may be judged as having more of "Majorite" attributes of timidity and indecision.

Mr Major can reasonably be accused of lacking his mentor's political judgment, her caution, her instinct for when to fight and when retreat. He has allowed his ministers to charge ahead careless of the political consequences, often having to haul them back afterwards. Almost every week he tests to destruction the theory that small parliamentary majorities should be easier to handle than big ones. But on coal, the Post Office, energy prices, London hospitals and countless other Thatcherite issues, he risked reverse after reverse from his backbenchers rather abandon the cause. The apprentice has sung the mastersinger's tune, prestissimo if occasionally falsetto.

John Major does not, as his party critics relentlessly chant, have Lady Thatcher's leadership style or personality. But he never did. It was precisely for that reason that the club threw her out and chose him. They were probably right. He won them an election she would almost certainly have lost. He did not change in office. A Thatcherite Mr Hyde, hand-crafted by the lady herself, did not drink a potion and become a mild-mannered Dr Jekyll in office. Mr Major has never gone under false pretences. He was always *secundus inter pares*.

Lady Thatcher began, hesitantly, a process of public sector reform which Mr Major has struggled to continue against far greater odds. He may not engage wide support in his reforms, but he should engage hers. Politics is a mug's game. The grass is always greener under some other leader. Every government is wavering and purposeless, unhappy and doomed — until the next comes along. But to accuse John Major of betraying Thatcherism is unfair. He knows no other -ism. The game is greater than the player. Lady Thatcher would have done no more than Mr Major has done, and she knows it.

Alan Coren



I don't wish to seem heightist, but stop blocking the light

Unless you are reading this on the French Riviera, there are no tall girls where you are. I know that because I am writing this on the French Riviera, and all the tall girls in the world are where I am. Over the past 40 years or so, ever since I began looking at girls in a major way, I have been to all the places where the tall girls live — California, New South Wales, Scandinavia — and in all that time and in all those places I have seen a total of perhaps two thousand girls who could be described as seriously tall. But I have been on the Riviera for only three days, and I have already seen getting on for 13,000 tall girls. As I sit here now, tapping my laptop at a café table on the Croisette in Cannes, shadows fall across its little keyboard every three or four seconds as another group of heads interposes itself between me and the morning sun, bobbing some two metres above the pavement, and since the languages issuing from these heads are myriad, the combination of numbers and polyglotticity force me to no other conclusion than that the rest of the world has been drained of young female giants.

You might guess — this being the convention capital of Europe and second only to Las Vegas in its attraction of gabbling freeloaders — that they had all flocked here for Tall Sisters 95, an international congress pledged to furthering the welfare and ambitions of women higher than two yards, but you would be only half right. For while they are manifestly here to further those things, it is no ideologically correctional organisation that has brought them. Quite the opposite: what has brought them is that egregiously glittering bit of politically unreconstructed nonsense, the Cannes Film Festival.

There is no point dwelling on why they are here, because you all know why they are here; indeed, noticing the sudden absence of tall girls from your own patches, the astute among you will already have put it down to the sudden gathering on the Riviera of film moguls, that fraternity of small men for whom, sexual fashion being the capricious thing it is, tall girls are the current accessory of choice, something of a stroke of luck given that tall girls seem to have no problem at all when it comes to throwing in their lot with the little, if the little are movie zillionaires. Every tall girl in the world has come here to find one for herself.

So it is not why they are here which concerns me, but that they are. For it is often the case — you have only to recall the Nazi-Soviet pact — that when two utterly disparate but equally self-seeking interests meet in common cause, it is the poor bastards in the middle who cop it. It is thus a lousy time to be on the Côte d'Azur for men of average height. If I walk say, into the chic terrace bar of the Carlton Hotel, looking for a table, the waiters cannot see me for all the tall girls in the way who are looking for tables with small men at. If I ask the tall girls to move so that the waiters can see me, the tall girls ignore me because I am not small enough to be of interest. That is also the view of the waiters when they finally do see me after the tall girls have all found tables with small men at. It is why I am typing this at a crummy little café which no small man or tall girl would be caught dead in.

Even if my ambition is no more than to stroll the thronged boulevards in the hope of spotting one of the preening megafolk we are all here to spot, things are no better, because I cannot see anything for the tall girls who are hemming me in. I suppose I could ask the tall girls to tell me what they can see, but I know they would ignore me, because I am not small enough to bother with.

So yesterday, having seen nothing at all in Cannes, I drove to Monte Carlo to pick a spot from which to watch Sunday's Grand Prix, and by great good fortune I found I could buy one for hardly more than the average mortgage. But as I drove back towards Cannes, I realised I had scant hope of seeing anything from it, because driving in the opposite direction were hundreds of tiny convertibles full of tall girls — clearly the ones who had not struck lucky with rich moguls and had decamped to Monte Carlo in the hope of striking luckier with rich racing drivers.

My own luck, I have little doubt, will be to find myself, next Sunday, standing right behind one.

Name a sum

JOYOUS NEWS arrives from Lloyd's of London, where thousands of ruined names are considering the £2.8 billion compensation package that was offered yesterday. One of its syndicates has just received a windfall of £416,000.

The syndicate consists not of insurance names, however. It is made up of seven security guards at Lloyd's, who won the National Lottery at the weekend. The guards have requested anonymity, but they are already the subject of envious glances from other syndicates, whose members have been hard hit by insurance claims.

"We can only be delighted for the security guards," said Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association working party. "They are getting something which is real money — something we are still waiting for."

Tom Benyon, a former MP and director of the Society of Names, suggested that the security guards might rapidly become rather popular. "I think I shall pop along to them for a small loan," he said. "If you see the security guards in close consultation with the chairman, David Rowland, you will know where the money for the compensation package is coming from."

Peter Middleton, the chief executive of Lloyd's, says he is thrilled for the security guards. "We will not be asking them for loans . . . but I wonder if any of them are already names."

Not me

VISCOUNT CHELSEA has been enjoying the blooms of Chelsea this week, but not without cost. He is Chelsea's largest landowner (family firm: the Cadogan Estate) and a keen gardener. But he prefers to distance himself from the show.

"It's always a bit of a problem at this time of year because of my name. Everyone keeps asking me for tickets, even though I've nothing to do with the flower show," he says. "It's not held on Cadogan land you see. It's the Ministry of Defence they should ask."



Odds evened

FOR THE first time in years there is a better chance of a British player winning Wimbledon than of Nasa proving the existence of intelligent extra-terrestrial life. This follows the decision by Greg Rusedski, who is ranked 47th in the world and has the fastest service ever recorded (137 mph), to switch allegiance from Canada to Britain.

William Hill have slashed the odds on a British champion this summer from 1,000-1 — the same as that for the Archbishop of Canterbury confirming the Second Coming — to 100-1. The likelihood of proving the existence of aliens is 250-1.

● *With concern about sleaze in mind, Tony Blair has belatedly listed in the updated Register of Members' Interests (published tomorrow) a visit he made in 1993 to the Bilderberg Conference in Athens as Shadow Home Secretary. His companion, Kenneth Clarke, suffers no such qualms — he hasn't registered the trip.*

Fast buck

THE OLYMPIC athlete and founder of the London Marathon, Chris Brasher, repaired for a hefty lunch to a Covent Garden restaurant to celebrate his libel victory yesterday against Channel 4 and the *New Statesman*.

Brasher and his fellow athlete John Disley were awarded more than £380,000 damages over false allegations of fraud, deception and dishonesty. With costs, the payout — secured by Brasher's QC George Carman in an appearance which all-but broke the four-minute barrier — topped £1.1 million. Brasher's back-of-the-menu calculations found that Carman's time in court worked out at more money per second than Linford Christie in full flight.

Foul is fair

BRITAIN'S inclement weather is rather popular with the Emir of Kuwait. At a state banquet in Buckingham Palace, laid on for him yesterday, he talked of his citizens' special feelings for the United Kingdom. "Large numbers of them live in Britain continuously, and in summer their numbers increase because they feel safe and comfortable . . . the temperature in London does not reach fifty degrees in the shade."

Who nose?

AN ANCIENT society for those endowed with huge noses is being revived in Derbyshire. Membership is free to those boasting a proboscis of two-and-a-half inches or more.

A local news report from 1885 has been unearthed which documents the riotous activities of the Heage Nose Club, a club disbanded after members were brought before the courts for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart singing the Hallelujah Chorus. The society, which will tour the inns of the village of Heage tonight, has been resurrected by local Morris Dancers.

"Sadly these days we seem to be nasally challenged," says Roger Till, one of their number. "Out of 30 of us, only two can be classed as having Cyrano de Bergerac snouts, so most will be wearing cardboard extensions."



Classic snout: Cyrano

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DORRELL'S LAW

A policy made from fear, favour and false philosophy

Stephen Dorrell's proposals on media ownership display every sign of the muddle, weakness and defeatism that are this Conservative Government's best-known trademarks. The long-awaited paper was a triumph for lobbyists from TV and newspaper groups which want to buy and sell one another; it was a triumph for the short-term fixers within the Tory party who think that paternalism and the free market can be cooked up to produce the instant benefits of both. But it was a special, unexpected bonus for the left wing of the Labour Party which can now anticipate that Tony Blair will be at least as interventionist and anti-competitive.

Indeed, it seemed yesterday as though Mr Dorrell himself was anticipating a Blair government. Whenever John Major eventually falls from office, his last most influential ministers will be those who have bequeathed policies which Labour can carry out in their place. The Secretary of State for National Heritage set out proposals yesterday which, from the mouth of a Labour minister, would delight a union conference — and provoke justified indignation among the same free enterprise Tories who somehow passed these proposals in Cabinet subcommittee two weeks ago. In destroying any incentive for creative media businesses to make big investments, take huge risks and grow, his plans would not have shamed the most suspicious socialists of our time.

Mr Dorrell, who in the days when he was anyone's darling at all was a darling of the Tory left, has won a remarkable victory over the wealth-creating philosophy of the party which brought him to power. Despite the objections of senior colleagues, he has won approval for measures that would restrict media companies to an eventual 10 per cent of the total media market: and he has won the establishment of a government-appointed regulator to deem whether an offending company's existing media holdings are in the public interest or against it.

The powers proposed for this regulator are of an almost unprecedented nature. If there were media companies in Britain with the type of monopoly once enjoyed in America by Standard Oil and the Bell telephone company, it could be reasonable to set up systems to break up holdings and enforce competition. If the concern were to restrict anti-competitive media mergers, there is already machinery in place and this might be strengthened. But Mr Dorrell's proposal is that existing media portfolios, none of them even close to a monopoly and many of them built up from nothing or from one-time loss-making failures, should be put up for the regulator's judgment.

There is no basis in business philosophy for this. The proposals would set a prior ceiling for a growing group's share of a market. In the newspaper sector, for example, the result would be to reward groups whose policy is one of high prices and low circulations. *The Times* has an interest here which has to be declared. Three years ago this newspaper was at the end of a long period of low circulation and low revenues, and had little prospect of a secure financial future. Today, thanks substantially to risk-taking by its owners, *The Times* enjoys an almost doubled circulation and is closer to financial security than at any time for decades. Prices overall are lower; the market is larger; national declines in readership have been reversed.

It is hard to believe that, had Dorrell's laws been in force, there would have been the incentive to risk so much for *The Times*. Nor would there have been the incentive to build the BSkyB satellite broadcasting system if its size was to be limited to 20 per cent of its market and its existence put under the control of competitors who can effect every participant's market share by their own price rises or poor performance.

The classic dangers of media monopoly are high prices, lack of consumer choice and a narrowing of political diversity. That is precisely what Mr Dorrell would achieve if he were ever allowed to enact his proposals. Prices would rise when media proprietors realised the penalties of success. Choice would be diminished when newspaper titles with little hope of financial success were starved of investment or closed.

It is hard to fathom what mixture of fear, favour and misplaced philosophy has motivated Mr Dorrell over the past few months. Perhaps it will all be quickly seen as a mistake: there are escape clauses for Mr Major amid the bureaucratic verbiage. Perhaps he will take one of them — before Mr Blair shows himself as the party leader more favourable to competition, free enterprise and creative business.

DUMA DEMOCRACY

It matters more to get the Russian system right than overnight

President Yeltsin's veto of the Duma's draft election law makes it more likely that the parliamentary elections scheduled for December will be delayed. To supporters of reform at home and abroad this sends a dangerous signal. Russia's commitment to unfamiliar democratic procedures is tenuous enough; bickering over the constitution can only undermine confidence that the post-Communist system is workable, and increase the temptation of those looking for a return to authoritarianism to scrap the elections altogether. In fact, the President's veto has good grounds. The present law and the Duma draft revision are manifestly inequitable. Neither would lead to an outcome properly reflecting the people's will. Far better to risk postponing the elections than proceed with an election on a flawed basis.

At issue is the proportion of deputies elected by direct constituency ballot compared with the numbers chosen from party lists. Half the 450 members of the present Duma have been chosen on one basis and half on the other, and the Lower House argues that the new election law should leave this ratio as it is. The Upper House, the Federation Council, wants a significant change, providing for 300 deputies to be elected from individual constituencies and only 150 on a list system.

In the present inchoate state of party politics in Russia, a list system gives undue influence to fringe parties. This was alarmingly clear last time round, when Vladimir Zhirinovsky brought dozens of Liberal Democratic Party members into the Duma on his extremist coat-tails — few of whom would have stood a chance in a contested constituency ballot. The list system also skews the outcome in the provinces, where party politics is almost unknown. Indeed in Kamchatka, the Far East peninsula as large as France, the 16 parties represented have a total membership of 146 voters. To reduce the list representation would benefit the centre and force deputies to band together into fewer and more coherent groups.

This outcome, a desirable objective for any fledgling democracy, is precisely what makes Mr Yeltsin's veto suspect in the eyes of many Russians. For the party that would benefit most would be the quaintly-named new centre party Russia is Our Home, headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and committed to supporting Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Yeltsin's veto will now lead to back-room bargaining. The outcome matters, not only to the balance of power between the executive and the legislative organs, but because the December parliamentary elections will set the framework for next year's presidential contest. Mr Yeltsin should stick to his veto, but he can make concessions to get his way — such as dropping his opposition to a Duma proposal that government employees must resign before standing for election. Bargaining cannot go on long: a new law must be passed by August if the parliamentary timetable is to be kept. But that is less important that getting the details right.

SELLOTAPE, AIR HOSTESS

Old surgical arts are not made obsolete by new technology

In spite of the continual advances of medical technology and drugs, medicine is never going to become an exact science. It is always going to be a humane art somewhere between fly-fishing and weather-forecasting.

The do-it-yourself operation conducted by two British flying doctors in a jumbo jet is a reminder that skill and imagination still count for as much in the surgery as state-of-the-art tools and increasingly vast expense. Yesterday their patient, Paula Dixon, was recovering from her emergency operation for a punctured lung at 35,000 feet. Luckily for her, Angus Wallace, professor of accident surgery at Nottingham University Hospital, and Dr Tom Wong, senior houseman at Stracathro Hospital near Brechin, were on her flight from Hong Kong to answer when the emergency call came over the Tannoy for a doctor on board.

They had only the British Airways first-aid kit. So they improvised the tools of their trade from a coathanger, Sellotape and Evian water, with brandy to sterilise the coathanger. Dr Wong held the incision open with a knife and fork, while Professor Wallace probed the coathanger with tube from an oxygen mask attached towards an air pocket that had built up outside Mrs Dixon's lung. And so they saved her life.

Not all conditions would respond to such Boy Scout surgery. It would be madness to attempt a liver transplant in mid-air with scissors and spoon and Sellotape. But the founding fathers of medicine, from the ancient Greeks and Romans and the barber-surgeons of the medieval battlefield to the great Victorian systematisers and the modern clinical scientists in their high-tech laboratories would have recognised their fundamental principle: to do the best possible to save life with the tools available.

Most advances in surgery, from anaesthetics to sterilisation, have been made in emergency theatres. In spite of the incredible sophistication of modern techniques, skill, daring and lateral thinking remain essential qualities for the surgery. In emergency, doing what must be done to save life is the only rule that matters. Mrs Dixon is lucky she was not on an American aircraft, for American doctors might well have been frightened off their duty in such conditions for fear of the huge damages if anything went wrong. The other passengers and crew on the flight witnessed a dramatic example of the first principles of a cool head and steady hand. And after using the brandy to sterilise his coathanger, Professor Wallace may be excused for drinking the rest of it.

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Lady Thatcher's latest broadside at troubled Tories

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Baroness Thatcher has, it appears (reports, May 22), called for a revision of the treaties governing Britain's political links with the rest of Europe. We should seek, she says, a recast relationship with the rest of the Community, allowing France and Germany to set up a hardcore Union without British membership but leaving our trading links intact.

This is revisionism with a vengeance and is unrealistic to the point of being totally dotty.

It fails to take account of the world as it is, not as we might wish it to be. It is fifty years or more since the UK was in a position to tell other countries what to do, let alone those strong, wealthy and united neighbours on the other side of the Channel. It is over thirty since we recognised that trading links were not enough: isolated, we were losing influence and in danger of being sidelined in a changing world.

Her plans are also dreadful tactically. As the Prime Minister has already concluded, if we march into the 1996 negotiating chamber armed with irreducible demands we will find others have them too — the abandonment of our hated opt-outs on the single currency and social chapter for a start.

She adds that if other countries resist, we should pursue "every measure of obstruction and disruption open to us" unless Britain's interests were recognised.

What a depressing picture; handbags everywhere, producing only pursed lips and greater determination across the table. I doubt if the electorate would find it an edifying spectacle either. They above all know that our future lies in Europe and not, as we once believed, exclusively outside.

Britain's interests are not in terminal conflict with those of the rest of Europe. That is Margaret Thatcher's mistake. It is instead greatly to our benefit to be an active player, and to our partners' to take note of the common sense we have to offer.

Nobody will listen, however, if the British appear bent on rewriting the fundamentals of the original treaties from a standpoint of implacable, pointless and outdated hostility.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
(Chairman elect,
Conservative Group for Europe),
House of Commons.
May 22.

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, With the near certainty of another electoral setback for HMG at Perth and Kinross, with yet another soon inevitable at Littleborough and Saddleworth, renewed calls can be expected from near-desperate Tory MPs to replace John Major and/or to reshuffle Ministers who are especially out of favour.

It is thus pertinent to recall that in 1992, after over a decade of Conservative government under an outstanding PM — but, towards the end of her rule, an increasingly unpopular one — there already existed a deep and widespread feeling in the country that it was "time for a change".

Yet in 1992 the many electors not yet ready to vote Labour (no longer "unelectable") felt that the desired "change" could be achieved by voting for a totally new Tory leadership, that of the moderate, likeable John Major, who was so utterly different from Margaret Thatcher. To talk now of changing the Tory leadership again, less than a couple of years before the next election, or to think that a reshuffle will cause the Tory sun to shine again, is nonsensical.

Although John Major's motivation may be highly creditable, his idea of fighting the next election on a populist "please everyone" platform in order to bring disillusioned Tories back into the fold could be highly counter-productive. Among their demands will be the return of capital punishment, repeal of the extension of VAT on domestic fuel, and at the very least a dilution of our ties with the European Union.

I doubt whether the Prime Minister will feel able to give his assent on any of these points.

Yours faithfully,
FREDERIC BENNETT
(Conservative MP for Reading North, 1951-55; Torquay, 1955-74; Torbay, 1974-87),
4 Hale Court,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
May 22.

From Mr A. R. F. Carter

Sir, The fruits of the Thatcher revolution lie deeply embedded within the new generation of voters.

My French A-level class was recently called upon to translate the word "shop steward". Out of thirteen pupils aged 17 or 18 only two, by the evidence of their translation, revealed any understanding of what a shop steward was, or what he (or she) did.

Will Mr Blair's New Labour Party have to begin a period of re-education, or is this ignorance, unthinkable fifteen years ago, something else for which he must (either secretly or openly) also thank our former Prime Minister?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CARTER,
32 The Poles,
Upchurch,
Sittingbourne, Kent.
May 18.

From Mr Piers Eley

Sir, Other Conservative MPs/peers, have been deprived of the Whip. Is it not time that Lady Thatcher lost her handbag?

Yours faithfully,
PIERS ELEY,
35 Montague Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
May 22.

Democracy in Africa

From Mr Michael Jolliffe

Sir, May 24 is the second anniversary of the independence of Africa's youngest nation, Eritrea. Its people endured 30 years of hardship and repression in their efforts to secure the right to self-determination during a struggle which was often little reported in the West, probably because there were few great power interests at stake. In the past two years, western media attention has tended to focus even less on Eritrea, perhaps because since independence it has been the most peaceful and stable country in the Horn of Africa.

In spite of the noble intention, the efforts to "restore hope" in Somalia through international intervention to encourage a return to political, social and economic stability met with only very limited success. Aid donors in the West should perhaps give greater thought to providing assistance for Eritrea, where efforts to develop the infrastructure needed to rebuild the economy are more likely to succeed.

The Government of Eritrea is committed to holding elections and permitting a pluralist political system at the end of the current four-year transition period. Foreign assistance is vital if the country is to be encouraged along the path of democracy and to erase the effects of decades of war, exploitation and famine.

Yours etc,
M. J. JOLLIFFE,
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8083 Bertrange, Luxembourg.
May 22.

From the Reverend Jeremy Collingwood

Sir, Bernard Levin is less than fair to Africa ("Heart of darkness still", May 12). In the last five or so years, by my calculation, no fewer than 28 countries in sub-Saharan Africa have moved from military or one-party rule to embrace multi-party democracy. This is an extraordinary record and it needs to be applauded and not castigated.

Incumbent presidents, as in Zambia, Malawi and Benin, have been removed peacefully from power. Apartheid regimes in Namibia and South Africa have given way to multi-racial democratic parliaments, and Botswana continues as the African flagship of a well governed democracy.

What Bernard Levin should be doing is urging the European Union to allow Africa to trade on equal terms and to write off the debt burdens which are crippling many of these embryonic democracies. We who live in a protectionist glasshouse and dump our surpluses on Africa are in no position to throw stones at the continent's experiments in democracy.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY COLLINGWOOD,
25 Waterden Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Crossed line

From Mr Bernard Stace

Sir, Lord Beloff (letter, May 17) states that Worcester College is on the way to Oxford station. To link this with other recent correspondence ["Comings and goings", see right], it depends on "where you are coming from".

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD STACE,
4 Cavendish Place, Bath, Avon.
May 20.

Freedom to roam

From the Chairman of the Ramblers' Association

Sir, You reported on May 20 that on the Ramblers' Association's forthcoming "Open Britain Day" on September 24 our members "will stage mass trespasses at a number of sites".

We shall be holding a number of peaceful demonstrations on that day, but at present we have no plans for mass trespasses.

Any event which the Ramblers' Association might stage to express support for wider rights of public access to the countryside would be entirely peaceful, would be in accordance with any directions given by the police and would in no way breach the criminal law.

The Ramblers' Association does not challenge "the right to own property", as implied in your leading article ("Wrongs of way", May 22). But we draw a commonsense distinction between different types of property.

For example, it is reasonable for the owner of a house and garden to be able "to regulate the manner and method of entry by others onto their land" to the extent of excluding anyone whose presence is not welcome.

But we contend that it is not reasonable for the owner of an entire mountain or a vast area of moorland to have such an unqualified power. People should be able to walk freely over the wild, open spaces of the country of which they are citizens, as long as they do no damage to the land and its wildlife, and cause no disturbance to sheep rearing, grouse shooting or other legitimate economic activities.

Yours sincerely,
KATE ASHBROOK,
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1-5 Wandsworth Road, SW8.
May 22.

From Mr Graham Burns

Sir, Why does unrestricted access to uncultivated land seem so objectionable in England, when it appears so uncontroversially accepted by all in Scotland? Or is it just another reason why walking in Scotland is so much more enjoyable than walking in England?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM BURNS,
2 North View,
Wimbledon Common, SW19.
May 23.

Church and adultery

From Mr Joseph Usher

Sir, Whatever the views of the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Most Reverend Richard Holloway, on adultery (reports, May 17, 18; letters, May 20), the suggestion that it might not be a sin, but a "natural state", has a bearing on more than Christian sexual conduct.

My understanding of the scriptures is that they are about the Christian's relationship with God, who is both holy and righteous. The prophet Hosea had an adulterous wife and God used this illustration to rebuke the children of Israel about their relationship with Him.

In the Letter to the Ephesians husbands are exhorted to love their wives, just as Christ loved the Church. Clearly the scriptures view adultery as wrong and as a matter which affects the Christian's personal relationship with God.

We would do well to remember the words of Jesus: "Go and sin no more" (John viii, 11).

Yours faithfully,
J. USHER,
78 Lombard Drive,
Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.

From Mr David Monro

Sir, "God created man in his own image . . . male and female . . .". If this is true we can love and hurt one another — and rejoice and suffer: repent, forgive and be forgiven. If not, emotions are an unfortunate design fault in our genetically determined machine.

What possible hope or comfort can Bishop Holloway bring to those in marital breakdown?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MONRO,
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Bloomsbury Square, WC1.

Marital choice

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, Men are likely to marry women who *resemble* their mothers, says a psychotherapist at a conference on adultery (report, May 16; letters, May 18). As the late C. E. M. Joad might have commented, it all depends what is meant by resemble.

During infancy there is a basic instinct in all of us that motivates a bonding and the forming of a psychological attachment with a person (usually mother or mother figure) whom we trust in the ontological sense.

This need for trust in relationships with others pervades our lives thereafter. We may unconsciously rely on our past experience of forming bonds when looking for a partner in life. Thus it can be seen we may be attracted to a women who instils that confidence and who may have some of the characteristics of our mother.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN CHALLONER,
13 The Village,
Bodelwyddan, Clwyd.
May 19.

From Mr Warren Colman

Sir, Professor Bonner's concern (letters, May 18) that my comments on marital choice are based on popular belief addresses a familiar difficulty in conveying psychoanalytic ideas to the general public.

Since all of us know something about personal relationships it is not surprising that analytic insights bear some resemblance to popular beliefs. This does not mean that these insights are *based* on popular belief. It is, however, difficult to convey the difference in the context of popular journalism — mistresses make far more juicy headlines than the arcane details of the Oedipus complex.

Yours faithfully,
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Punishment of 'Winchester Two'

From Mr N. G. Allan

Sir, You were almost certainly right (leading article, May 20) to say that the custodial sentences imposed on Mr and Mrs David Whitehead were excessive.

Your reasoning, however, is dangerously wrong insofar as it trivialises their crime ("*minor* traffic offence": "*small* traffic accident"; "*minor* lapse in integrity"). It is the same thinking which would express relief that the housemaid's illegitimate baby was only a small one.

A lie is a lie is a lie. And a lie told with the intention of perverting the course of justice is one which strikes at the heart of a system of which you, Sir, would no doubt wish to be considered a supporter.

The previous good character of the accused should have been enough to justify non-custodial disposals. To suggest that their crime was not a grave one sends an alarmingly wrong message.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. ALLAN,
11 Primrose Street, Dumfries.
May 23.

From Mr P. J. Sidey

Sir, In the unfortunate event of two people having to go to jail for a short period — and punishing innocent parties left without necessary care at home — why cannot one sentence be concluded before the other is begun?

It would be nice if the law's delay could help the innocent, for once.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. SIDEY,
The Ridge, Langley Road,
Claverdon, Warwickshire.
May 21.

From Mrs Mary Coker

Sir, On Channel 4 News tonight, Mr Michael Portillo said of Sir Jerry Wiggin's actions that they were silly rather than wicked, thus justifying the acceptance of an apology to the House as sufficient punishment.

What a pity Mr Justice Kennedy did not take the same view of the Whiteheads, whose offences were probably also silly rather than wicked.

In fact, if all sentencing had to take into account whether a guilty person was evil or silly in intent then more non-custodial sentences would be imposed, with a smaller prison population, less public expense and no loss of law and order as a consequence.

Yours faithfully,
MARY COKER,
Tyler End, Glebelands,
Penn, Buckinghamshire.
May 22.

From Dr D. H. Fremlin

Sir, "Children told that jailed parents are on holiday" (headline, later editions, May 22). It seems that lying rather than facing up to disagreeable facts is a habit in some families.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. FREMLIN,
25 Ireton Road, Colchester, Essex.
May 22.

Thames view

From Mr Marcus Eales

Sir, I was very surprised to read of Greenwich Council's proposal to build a submerged bypass along the Thames in front of the Royal Naval College (article, May 10; letter, May 19). It is likely that during its construction the width of the river would have to be reduced substantially. This would have unpredictable and potentially serious effects on flood defences, siltation, navigation and wildlife.

Have we not learnt the lessons from recent flooding disasters along the Mississippi and Rhine which resulted from changing the course of these rivers?

Yours faithfully,
MARCUS EALES,
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Wimbledon, SW19.

A bridge too far?

From the President of the Alliance Française de Londres

Sir, When considering the call by Trade Minister, Richard Needham, for schools to switch from teaching French to Spanish (report, later editions, May 18) there is a persuasive factor.

The culture of France engendered our own, whereas the culture of Spain did not. When we study French, we are also studying French culture.

Yours faithfully,
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May 22.

Comings and goings

From Mr D. B. Gurrey

Sir, As I am now well past my allotted span, my family tell me I should slow down. My friends, however, suggest that I should slow up.

Which is the better direction to follow (letters, May 11, 13, 15, 19, 20)?

Yours faithfully,
D. B. GURREY,
Cwm Farm, Forden,
Welshpool, Powys.
May 20.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 23: The Amir of the State of Kuwait arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Prince of Wales welcomed His Highness on behalf of The Queen at Gatwick Airport, London.

The Amir of the State of Kuwait travelled by train to Victoria railway station and drove to Horse Guards and was met by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

His Highness, accompanied by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, drove in a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and at the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company.

Guards of Honour were provided at Horse Guards by the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard (1st Battalion Grenadier Guards).

The Amir of the State of Kuwait this afternoon drove to Westminster Abbey where His Highness laid a Wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Afterwards, at St James's Palace, The Amir of the State of Kuwait received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a State Banquet in honour of The Amir of the State of Kuwait at which The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence RN, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:

Suite of The Amir of the State of Kuwait:
Mr Abdulrahman Al-Atiqi (Counsellor in the Office of The Amir), Mr Mohamed Al-Rifae (Counsellor in the Office of The Amir), Mr Mohamed Al-Aradhi (Under-Secretary of the Amiri Diwan), Mr Ibrahim Al-Shatti (Director of the Office of The Amir), Mr Bader Mishari Al-Humaidhi (Director General of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development), Mr Tawfik Al-Nassar (Assistant Under-Secretary), Mr Abdulrazzak Al-Mishari (Deputy Director of the Office of The Amir), Mr Abdulaziz Al-Abdulrazzaq (Assistant Under-Secretary for Protocol) and Colonel Abdulhadi Al-Rajihi (Commander of the Amiri Guards).

Specially attached in attendance upon The Amir of the State of Kuwait:
The Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) and the Viscountess Boyne, Mr William Fullerton (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Kuwait) and Mrs Fullerton and Major James Patrick (Equerry in Waiting).

Diplomatic Corps:
His Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait and Mrs Delal Al-Duwaisan, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mohamed Shaker, His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Bahrain and Mrs Al Shakar, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic and Mrs Amal Khodor, His Excellency the Ambassador of United Arab Emirates and Mrs Soraya Al-Gurg, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Mrs Algosaibi, His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Qatar, His Excellency the Ambassador of the French Republic, His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan and Madame Fujii, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia and the Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman and Mrs Al-Raeesy.

Members of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait:
Mrs Amal Al-Hamed (Assistant Under-Secretary, Ministry of Information), Mr Mohammed Al-Jassim (Director of Information Section at the Amiri Diwan), Mr Yousif Al-Sumait (Chairman, Kuwait News Agency), Mr Ahmed Behbehani (Chairman, Kuwait Press Association) and Mr Ahmed Al-Abdulrazaq (Chief of the Ceremonial Section at the Amiri Diwan).

The Cabinet:
The Lord Chancellor and the Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Prime Minister and Mrs Major, the Lord Privy Seal and the Viscountess Cranborne, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs Hurd, the Secretary of State for Employment and the Secretary of State for Wales and Mrs Redwood.

Special invitations:
The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey, the Rt Hon the Speaker, the Earl Marshal and the Duchess of Norfolk, the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Lord Denman, the Lord and Lady Ashburton, Field Marshal the Lord and Lady Bramall, the Lord and Lady Prior, the Lord and Lady Richard, the Lord Chief Jsutice, the Lord and Lady Glimour of Craigmillar, the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Mr Marmaduke and the Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt Hon James Molyneaux MP, the Rt Hon Sir Richard and Lady Luce, the Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP and Mrs Ashdown, Field Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Inge, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, General Sir Charles and Lady Guthrie, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière, Sir John and Lady Coles, Sir John and Lady Moberly, Sir Dennis and Lady Walters, Sir John and Lady Quinton, Sir David and Lady Lees, Major General and Mrs Iain Mackay-Dick, Mr and Mrs Robert Bauman, Professor and Mrs Evelyn Ebsworth, Mr and Mrs Edward George, Dr Jonathan and Professor Caroline Gipps, Professor Norman Gowar and Professor Judith Greene, Mr and Mrs Michael McKinnon, Miss Emma Nicholson MP, Dr and Mrs Farhan Nizami, Mr and Mrs Colin Parsons, Professor and Mrs Ghillean Prance, Mr Alan Rush, Dr and Mrs William Styles and Captain and Mrs Albert Sutton.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Trustees of Westminster Abbey Trust at Westminster Abbey and subsequently opened the exhibition "*900 Years — the Restoration of the Abbey*", London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 23: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 23: The Princess of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Wittering, received Group Captain Jerome Connolly upon assuming the appointment of Station Commander.

YORK HOUSE
May 23: The Duke of Kent, President, the Engineering Council, this morning received Sir John Fairclough, Chairman, Mr Denis Filer, Director General on relinquishing the appointment and Major General Michael Heath on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this afternoon attended the book launch of "Among Friends the Scots Guards, 1956-93", Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1. *Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.*

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Senior Trustee of the National Maritime Museum, will open the Leopold Muller Education Centre, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, at 10.45; as Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, will preside at a council meeting at Buckingham Palace at 2.30; and, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of The Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will attend the 1995 RSA Environmental Management awards at 8 John Adam Street at 6.45.

The Princess of Wales, as Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society and Patron of the British Red Cross Youth and 125th Birthday Appeal, will attend a reception at Christie's, St James's, at 7.10 to launch the book *Freedom*.

The Duke of York, as patron, will attend the annual congress dinner of *the Royal College of Ophthalmologists* at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the annual meeting and luncheon at Claridge's Hotel at 11.45.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Guide Association, will attend the annual meeting at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, at 11.55; and will attend the annual meeting at Church House at 2.25.

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will visit the School of Biological Sciences, at 10.30.

Princess Alexandra will visit the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, 41 Fitzroy Square, W1, at 4.00.

Overseas Lodge

A ladies festival to mark the 75th anniversary of the Overseas Lodge will take place at the New Connaught Rooms on Saturday, May 27. *Mr Anthony Appleton, president, will be in the chair.*

Chelsea Flower Show

Tranquil calm subdues the gardens

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

THERE is a trend towards natural and informal gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show this year, tranquil gardens with subdued colour schemes, some markedly lacking in colour. One can see the point of this in A Writer's Garden by Wyevale Garden Centres, of Hereford and Worcester, where a tree house is used as the workplace.

The Help the Aged, of London, garden is a delightful cottage garden, as is the *Sunday Express* Lock Keeper's Garden with lush moisture-loving plants along the "river bank", while the *Country Living*, of London, Decorative Kitchen Garden is a glorious mixture of ornamental vegetables and flowers.

More colour from plants would have been welcome in the very formal oriental garden from Merrist Wood College, of Worplesdon, Surrey: a pity the water lilies are not in flower. However, the grey pergolas, and black and red pavilion and trelliswork are very elegant.

Also elegantly formal is the green and white garden from *The Daily Telegraph*, which celebrates the National Trust in its centenary year. The long herbaceous borders echo the characteristics of many of the great gardens of Britain, and are planted with green and white plants, including white roses climbing through mature yews.

Massive grey granite rocks form the framework for the formal Honda Japanese Tea Garden, built by the Julian Dowle Partnership, of Newent, Gloucestershire. This is softened by bamboos and some beautifully trained cedars.

The Impressionist Garden from *Harpers & Queen* and Cartier, of London, is inspired by Provencal French impressionist paintings. It is a sheltered garden set in the hot clear southern landscape admired by Renoir and Cezanne. Ancient gnarled olive and fig trees and pencil-slim Italian cypresses form a framework for a wealth of tender flowering and foliage plants in quiet colours growing in the stone terraces.

Gold medals

For gardens:
Country Living, of London (decorative kitchen garden); *The Daily Telegraph*; Julian Dowle Partnership, of Newent, Gloucestershire (Honda tea garden); *Harpers & Queen* and Cartier, of London (Impressionist garden); Imperial War Museum (Victory Garden); Douglas G Knight, of Formby, Lancashire (rock and waterfall garden); Southend Borough Council, Essex (courtyard garden); *Sunday Express* (lock keeper's garden); Wyevale Garden Centres, of Hereford (a writer's garden).

For plants and flowers:
African Violet Centre, of King's Lynn, Norfolk (saintpaulias); Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex (bulbs); David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, West Midlands (roses); Avon Bulbs, of South Petherton, Somerset (bulbs); Steven Bailey, of Sway, Hampshire (carnations, pinks, alstroemerias, gypsophila); Peter Beales Roses, of Attleborough, Norfolk (roses); Belgium - Flemish Agricultural Marketing Board (ornamental and house plants, nursery stock); Birmingham City Council (ornamental and tender plants); Blackmore & Langdon, of Pensford, Bristol (begonias and delphiniums); Bloms Bulbs, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire (tulips); S & N Brackley, of Wingrave, Buckinghamshire (sweet peas); Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (trees, shrubs and ornamental plants); Burnham Nurseries, of Newton Abbot, Devon (orchids).
Carnivorous Plant Society, of West Thurrock, Essex (carnivorous plants); Channel Islands Postals, of St Sampsons, Guernsey (house plants and cut flowers); Cheshire Herbs, of Tarporley, Cheshire (herbs); Craig House Cacti (California), of Southport, Lancashire (cacti and succulents); Arthur Davies, of Brecon, Powys (vegetables); Dibleys, of Ruthin, N Wales (streptocarpus); Glebe Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh, Devon (herbaceous plants); Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk (hostas).
Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, of Whitchurch, Hampshire (herbaceous perennials and shrubs); R Harkness & Co, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire (roses); Hazeldene Nursery, of East Farleigh, Kent (violas and pansies); Heron's Bonsai, of Newchapel, Surrey (bonsai); Hillier Nurseries, of Ampfield, Hampshire (trees, shrubs, roses and ground-cover plants); The Hop Shop, of Shoreham, Kent (dried flowers, herbs, grasses and hop vines); Howard & Koolj's Nurseries, of Wortham, Norfolk (herbaceous plants); Hydon Nurseries, of Hydon Heath, Surrey (rhododendrons); Ichiyo School of Ikebana, of Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire (Ikebana floral arrangements); Jekka's Herb Farm, of Alveston, Bristol (herbs); Kirstenbosch, of Claremont, South Africa (flowers from South Africa).
Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset (quercus); Mattock's Roses, of Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire (roses); McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex (orchids); City of Melbourne, Australia (cut flowers and foliage from Australia); NAFAS, of London (floral arrangements); Notcutts Garden Centres, of Woodbridge, Suffolk (trees, shrubs, roses, conifers and perennials); Oakleigh Nurseries, of Alresford, Hampshire (fuchsias and pelargoniums); Oldbury Nurseries, of Bethersden, Kent (fuchsias); University of Oxford Botanic Garden (living colour: the gardener's palette).
Paradise Centre, of Lamarsh, Suffolk (herbaceous plants); Potterton & Martin / Peter Orme Landscapes, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire (alpines, dwarf bulbs, conifers, aquatics); G Reuthe, of Ightham, Kent (rhododendrons, azaleas and acers); Rickards Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire (ferns); Sao Paulo Garden Club, of Brazil (tropical plants); Diane Sewell, of Over, Cambridgeshire (sweet peas); Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne, Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents); Swanland Nurseries, of Swanland, E Yorkshire (pelargoniums); Borough of Torbay, Devon (carpet bedding); Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, W Yorkshire (bromeliads); The Valley Clematis Nursery, of Hainton, Lincolnshire (clematis); J Walkers Bulbs, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire (daffodils); Woodfield Bros, of Tiddington, Warwickshire (lupins).

For professional floristry:
Berry & Saunders, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset; Essenjay Fleurs, of Redhill, Surrey.

For floral arrangements:
National Panel of Floral Art Judges, Zimbabwe Team; Saffron Walden Flower Club, Essex; Societe d'Horticulture de France.

Today is a private view for RHS members. The show, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is open to the public tomorrow from 8am to 8pm and Friday from 8am to 5pm. Admission by ticket only bought in advance (no tickets at gates). The 24-hour show information line: 0171 828 1744.



Kathleen Hale, creator of Orlando the marmalade cat, is 97 today

Birthdays today

Sir James Anderton, former Chief Constable, Greater Manchester, 63; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 69; the Duke of Bedford, 78; Sir Timothy Bevan, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 68; Mr Joseph Brodsky, poet, 55; Mr Keith J. Budge, headmaster, Loretto School, 38; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 78; Mr Eric Cantona, footballer, 29; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 79; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 54; Mr Peter Griffiths, MP, 67; Mr B.L. Hallward, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 94; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer, 83; Mr Robert Hastie, Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, 62; Sir Terence Heiser, civil servant, 63; Sir Derek Hodgson, former High Court judge, 78; Baroness Hollis of Heigham, 54; *Mr Clifford Irving*, former chairman, executive council, Isle of Man Government, 81; Mr Christopher Jackson, former MEP, 60; Mrs Liz McColgan, athlete, 31; Colonel John Mayo, director-general, Help the Aged, 64; Mr Adrian Moorhouse, swimmer, 31; Mr Tony Mullett, former director general, National Criminal Intelligence Service, 62; Mr Steven Norris, MP, 50; Mr Richard Ottaway, MP, 50; Mr Luke Rittner, former secretary general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 48; Sir Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 89; Lord Justice Staughton, 62; Mr William Trevor, writer, 67; Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 63; the Earl of Woolton, 37.

Christening

The infant daughter of The Hon Edward and Mrs Wood was christened Georgia Emily Rosanna by the Rev Alan Hughes, TD, in the Chapel at Garrowby, on Saturday, May 20. The godparents are Mr Andrew Bott, Mr Nicholas Hawkings Byass, The Hon Robert Yerburgh, Mrs Quentin Browell, *Miss Kathleen Mackenzie* and Miss Caroline Robertson.

Memorial service

The Dowager Viscountess Wimborne
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Dowager Viscountess Wimborne was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and the Hon Charles Guest, son, read the bidding prayer. The Hon Julian Guest, son, and Mr Henry Guest, grandson, read the lessons. Mr Robin Herbert, nephew, gave an address.

The St James's Choir sang the anthem *Life Cycle* composed by Viscount Wimborne, grandson. Among those present were:
Mr and the Hon Mrs Rao Gaddipati (son-in-law and daughter), Viscountess Wimborne, the Hon Mrs Julian Guest and the Hon Mrs Charles Guest (daughters-in-law), the Hon Ilona Guest, William Guest and Kate Guest (grandchildren), Mrs Robin Herbert, the Hon Mrs Morrison.
The Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, Ruth Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, Viscount and Viscountess Ridley, Viscountess Chandos, Lord and Lady Charles Cecil, Lady Margaret Colville, Lady Annabel Goldsmith, Lady Judith Swire, Lady Doreen Prior-Palmer, Lady Jean Babington-Smith, Lady Cynthia Postan, Lady Anne Wake-Walker, Lady Daphne Straight, Lady Harriot Tennant.
The Hon Mrs Walter Keppel, the Hon Mrs Dickinson, the Hon Harry Lawson-Johnston, the Hon Richard Beaumont, the Hon Robin Corbett, the Dowager Lady Mancroft, Lord Mancroft, Lady Glendevon, Lady Terrington, Lord and Lady Clinton, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord Boardman, Lord and Lady Brownlow, Sir John and the Hon Lady Stephenson, Lady Buchanan Jardine, Sir Giles and Lady Loder, Priscilla Lady Bacon, Brenda Lady Cook, Lady Dorey (Guernsey Red Cross), Lady Holland-Martin, Sir Simon Towneley, Lady Collins, the Knight of Glyn, Mr and the Hon Mrs Alastair Eadie.
Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Baron Albert de Radzitzky, Mr Ben Herbert, Miss Susannah Herbert, Mr and Mrs Patrick Guest, Mr John Guest, Mrs Lawrence Banks, Mr Godfrey Carey, QC, Mr and Mrs John Green, Mr and Mrs M R Murray, Hector Murray, Mr and Mrs Robert Albert, Miss Mary Talbot, Mrs Joanna Smith, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mrs Rodric More O'Ferrall, Mrs David Bowes-Lyon, Mr David Willis, Mr Henry Boyd-Carpenter, Dr and Mrs Peter Smith, Mr Patrick Forde, Mr Thomas Lyttelton, Miss G Joyce, Mr Michael Talbot-Ponsonby, Mr and Mrs Michael Wyndham, Mrs B J Festing, Mr Toby Lyell, Mr and Mrs Dick Banks, Mr Alexander Postan, Mr William Harris, QC, and Mrs Harris, Colonel Charles Thwaites, Mr and Mrs Robin Compton, Mr Michael Boyle, Mrs Richard Cavendish, Mr and Mrs John Erskine, Mr Nicolas Paravicini, Professor and Mrs Robert Boyd, Mr Francis Russell, Mr Barry Theobald Hicks (RAMC Association, City of London branch), Mr Michael Bonn (chairman, International Dendrology Society) and Mrs Bonn and many other friends.

School news

Exeter School
Exeter School announces the following awards for September 1995:
11+ Academic Scholarship: Mark Stebbings, Exeter Preparatory School.
12+ Academic Scholarship: Jeremy Hansell, Exeter School.
13+ Open Scholarship: James Sadler, Exeter Cathedral School.
13+ Acland Exhibition: Toby Leigh, Wolborough Hill School, Newton Abbot.
13+ Marshall Shaw Exhibition: Matthew Hodgson, Exeter Cathedral School.
Sammy Sargent Music Scholarships: Alex Painter, Exeter Cathedral School; Peter Reynolds, Exeter Cathedral School.
Music Exhibitions: Giles Standing, Exeter Cathedral School; Thomas Bott, St Peter's High School, Exeter; Jonathan Galton, Heavitree Middle School, Exeter.
Sixth Form Art Exhibition: Lydia Spooner, Stover School, Newton Abbot.

Worksop College
During 1995 the College is celebrating the Centenary of its opening in September 1895. Former pupils, former parents and former members of staff who have not yet received details of the Centenary events are invited to contact the Headmaster (telephone 01909 472286; facsimile 01909 530161).

Lord Lovat

A Memorial Requiem for the late Lord Lovat will be celebrated by Cardinal Basil Hume, at Brompton Oratory on Tuesday, June 13, at 11.30am.

Church news

The Ven Christopher William Herbert, Archdeacon of Dorking, is to become Bishop of St Albans on the retirement of the Right Rev John Bernard Taylor on August 31.

Lecture

The College of Estate Management
Mr Jocelyn Stevens, CVO, Chairman of English Heritage, delivered a lecture on "Making The Heritage Work Harder" at the Council House, Birmingham yesterday evening. The lecture was the third in a series organised by the College to mark the 75th Anniversary of its foundation. The Chairman of the College, Mr Stephen Burman, presided and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr John Parry.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Shin *Dong-Won and Members of the* EU-Korea Wisemen's Group.

Dinners

HM High Commissioner
Lady Fisher, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Fraser gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:
The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs J Harkness, the Lord Advocate, Lord and Lady Laing of Dunphail, Sir David Steel, MP, and Lady Steel, the Solicitor General for Scotland and Mrs Mackay, *Sir Thomas and Lady Risk*, Sir William and Lady Sutherland, *Professor and Mrs Robert Jack*, Professor and Mrs Jack Shaw, Lady (Robin) Philipson, the Dean of the Thistle and Mrs Macmillan, the Right Rev and Mrs R A Warke, Professor and Mrs Cairns Aitken, Mr and Mrs Oliver Balfour, Professor and Mrs Ewan Brown, Dr and Mrs William Brown, Mr Ivor Guild, Mr Peter Burt, Mr Ronald Cramond, the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow and Mrs Dingwall, Air Commodore and Mrs Richard Duckett, Mr and Mrs Clifford Hastings, Major-General and Mrs Jonathan Hall, the Rev Professor and Mrs Murdo Ewen Macdonald, Professor Alistair Macfarlane, Professor and Mrs Norman Mackay, Professor and Mrs James McKillop, Vice-Admiral and Mrs Christopher Morgan and the Chief Constable of Strathclyde and Mrs Sharpe.

Gray's Inn
The Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Lord Justice Glidewell, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:
Lord Briggs, Sir Patrick Russell, Sir David Hirst (treasurer, Inner Temple), Sir Christopher Rose, Sir Marcus Worsley, Sir Simon Towneley, Sir Desmond Heap, Sir Robert Scott, Mr Roger Suddards, Mr David Fearnley, Mr Oliver Lodge (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Professor Francis Reynolds, Colonel Geoffrey Sparrow, Canon Eric James, Mr David Machin (under-treasurer) and Mr Anthony Lush.

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night in the House of Commons. Mr Stephen Dorrell, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Councillor Michael Withers also spoke.

Reform Club
Dr Walter Eltis, chairman of the Reform Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the clubhouse to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Barry, architect. Dr Francis Duffy, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Mr John Roake also spoke. Among those present were:
Lord Beloff, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Sir Philip Dowson, Miss Hermione Hobhouse, Mrs Gordon Graham and Miss Deborah Lavin.

Gyosei International College
Mr Sadaaki Numata, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of Japan, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night by the Gyosei International College at Reading University after he had delivered the fourth Gyosei International Lecture.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. *Sir William* Stewart and Dr K.W. Gray spoke.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.N. Batkin and Miss S.J. Padmore
The engagement is announced between Roger, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Batkin, of Hodnet, Shropshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Padmore, of Edgbaston, Birmingham

Mr I.J. Beattie and Miss S.M. Little
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Barrie Beattie, of Chalford Hill, Gloucestershire, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoff Little, of Brockworth, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.W. Bevan and Miss A.J. Barham
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Bevan, of Plashwood, Haughley, Suffolk, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr Nicholas Barham, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Mrs Rachael Hill, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Captain N.C. Carrell and Miss S.E. Lythe
The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Carrell, The Life Guards, only son of Mr and Mrs P.C. Carrell, of Wellingore, Lincoln, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Lythe, of Bramhope, Yorkshire.

Mr A.B. de Csillèry and Miss V.F. Hinton
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Dr Bèla de Csillèry and the late Mrs Gillian de Csillèry, of Maidstone, Kent, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Hinton, of West Rounton, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr T.C.M. Pratelli and Miss S.M. Faire
The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of the late Dr Michael Pratelli and of Mrs Pat Pratelli, of Kentish Town, London, and Selina, daughter of Mr Peter Faire, of Bishops Hull, Somerset, and the late Mrs Rosemary Faire.

Mr R.G.H. Tritton and Miss U.J. Pycraft
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr A.G. Tritton, of Lyons Hall, Great Leighs, Essex, and Mrs E.C. McLaren-Throckmorton, of Coughton Court, Coughton, Warwickshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Pycraft, of The White House, Creeksea, Essex.

Mr R. Curtin and Miss L.O. Saqui
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Curtin, of Ware, Hertfordshire, and Lilias, daughter of Mr Dorrien Saqui and the late Mrs Julia Saqui, of Cardinham, Cornwall.

Mr H. Elwes and Miss P. Barrow
The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Elwes, of Elsham Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire, and Pernille, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Barrow, of Plaistow, West Sussex.

Mr C.J.M. le Blanc and Miss S.G. Tyson
The engagement is announced between Karsten, son of Mr and Mrs Jan le Blanc, of Vlijmen, The Netherlands, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Tyson, of Eskdale, Cumbria.

Mr H.K. Overend and Miss A.R. Annable
The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Sean Overend, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Rowena, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Annable, of Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr A.F. Willcock and Miss S.J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Ashton Willcock, of Banket, Zimbabwe, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Robinson, of Bourne, Lincolnshire.

Marriage

Mr R.J. Shepherd-Cross and Miss H.L.G. Winter
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Thaxted Parish Church, of Mr Richard Shepherd-Cross, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Shepherd-Cross, of Bengal Manor, Greens Norton, Towcester, to Miss Helen Winter, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Winter, of Duckett's Farm, Debden Green, Saffron Walden. The Revd Richard Rowe officiated, assisted by the *Revd Anthony Winter*.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Juliet Burke, Katy Griffiths, Amber Scott, Max and George Shepherd-Cross and Dominic Woods. Mr Henry Shepherd-Cross was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in the Seychelles.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdansk, 1686; Jean Paul Marat, revolutionary, Neuchatel, Switzerland, 1743; Queen Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1939-48, Riebeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

DEATHS: David I, King of Scotland 1124-53, Carlisle, 1153; Copernicus, astronomer, Frembork, Poland, 1543; Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1612; Samuel Palmer, landscape painter, Reigate, 1881; Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell, Field Marshal, Viceroy of India 1943-47, London, 1950; John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State 1953-59, Washington, 1959; Duke Ellington, pianist and bandleader, New York, 1974.

Dartmoor prison was opened to house French prisoners-of-war, 1809.

Westminster Bridge, London, was opened, 1862.

Brooklyn Bridge opened over the East River, 1883.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a reception given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the opening of One Hundred Business Links.

British Association of Social Workers
Mr David Hinchliffe, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons on behalf of *the British Association of Social* Workers to mark the Centenary year of Health Related social work. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest speaker.

Glaziers' Company

Mr J.B.R. Vartan, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual prizegiving held last night at Glaziers' Hall. Mr Peter Boizot presented the following awards: The Arthur and Helen David Travelling Scholarship to Ms Angela Bruce, the Study Award for Excellence to Ms Alison McCaffrey, the Stevens Competition prizes to Ms Sarah Edwards, Mr Ian Hartless, Mr Simon Harvey, Ms Victoria Bentley and Ms Carole Sweet, and the prizes in the Practical Glazing Competition for apprentices to Mr Mark Gibson and Mr Stuart Donaldson. Sir Eduardo Paolozzi also spoke.

Service luncheon

The Highlanders
General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, Colonel of The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) presided at the inaugural luncheon of the regiment held yesterday at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly.

Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord/Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Layard were the hosts at a dinner held last night onboard the flagship *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth.

Ambassador of Japan

The Ambassador of Japan has presented Sir Hugh Cortazzi, Chairman of the Japan Society, with the Insignia of the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan.

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BIRTHS

AEY - On May 21st, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Anna (née Sexton) and Rick, a girl, Lilly Jennifer. First grandchild for Jenny and Martin Sexton.

ARMSTRONG - On May 20th, to David and Janica, a son, Matthew David.

BADHAM-THORNHILL - On May 20th, to David and Lucy (née Holder), a son, Mark Frederick, a brother for Tom, Helen and Edward, not forgetting Ruth.

CLARKE - On May 3rd, to Helen (née Smart) and Stephen, a son, Matthew James Morrison.

CODRAI - On May 20th, to Tracy (née Law) and Justin, a son, Benjamin Augustus John, a brother for Lorna.

COLCHESTER - On 20th May at home, to Serena and Charlie, a daughter, a sister to Alexander, Benjamin, Tamara, Zachary and Talitha.

DAVIES - May 14th 1995, Peter Davies and Janet Brady are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter Alice Christine.

FORT - On May 22nd at Northwick Park Hospital, to Carol (née Morse) and Stephen, a son.

FRANCIS - On May 22nd 1995, in Harare, Zimbabwe, to Susan (née Bailey) and Andrew, a son, Graeme Andrew McKenzie.

GILL - On May 6th, to Alexandra (née Faulkner) and John, a son, Thomas John, a brother for Stephanie.

GOLDEN - On Monday May 22nd 1995, to Laura (née Howarth) and Peter, a son, Oliver James, a brother for Abigail.

HUNT - To John Hunt and Samantha Sackler a beautiful daughter, Tara Sophia. Born at the Portland Hospital, London, at 3.38 am on Sunday 21st May 1995, weighing 7lbs 11.5oz.

KEEN - On 20th May 1995, to Sally (née Johnson) and Simon, a son, Thomas Edward, a brother for Jack.

LE VAVASSEUR DIT DURELL - On May 20th 1995, to Alison (née Still) and Hugh, a son, Thomas.

LEWIS - On May 17th, to Katrina (née Grahame) and Alexander, a daughter, Helena d'Esterre.

McKECHNIE - On May 22nd, to Louise (née Selbach) and Michael, a son, Alexander William.

MOODIE FITZGERALD - To Edward and Patricia, a son, Jack Henry FitzGerald, on 14th May 1995 in San Francisco.

NICHOLAS - On 21st May 1995 at the Wellington Hospital, to Anastasia and Robert, a girl, Alexis Damaris, 7lbs 5oz.

PALMER - To Cybele and James, a daughter Sophie Rose, on 20th May 1995.

ROSS - On May 18th, to Susan (née Earle) and Neil, a daughter, Fenella.

SHERLOCK - On 16th May at Hope Hospital, Manchester, to Pam (née Giles) and David, a son, Thomas (Tom) James Giles, a brother for Sarah Jane.

DEATHS

BLAKE - Colin Francis, on May 22nd at Ashford Hospital, aged 59, with characteristic courage after challenging illness. Beloved husband of Olivia and loved by Grace his mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. Funeral Service at Hanworth Crematorium on Tuesday May 30th at 1.15 pm.

BOYD - On May 18th 1995, in hospital, Stephen Malin, aged 48 years. Dearly loved by his mother Betty, Philip and friends. Service and cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday May 25th at 3 pm. All flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, W8 6LA or donations, if desired, to Thomas McCauley Ward, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital c/o J.H. Kenyon.

BRANSBURY - Brian on May 19th 1995 peacefully at home aged 81. Beloved husband of Jane and father of Juliet, Robin and Anthea. Funeral Long Crendon Parish Church, 3.30 pm Thursday May 25th.

CLARIDGE - On 21st May, suddenly in Melbourne, John Philipin Gore Claridge, beloved brother of Helen. Will be so missed by all his United Kingdom friends. Enquiries (0171) 731-5697.

CLARKE - On Sunday 21st May, Ann Clarke, formerly Dobson, (née Daly), very peacefully at home, dearly loved wife of Ralph Clarke, and mother of Christopher, Sarah, Mark, Caroline, Emma and Susanna, and loving grandmother. Funeral 11 am Friday 26th May at Sudbury (Suffolk) RC Church, and burial at Pentlow Church. No flowers please. Donations to Marie Curie Nursing Fund.

COWAN - On May 22nd, suddenly after a short illness, Deborah aged 25, beloved daughter of Caroline Clegg and Nick Cowan, and much loved sister of Daniel. Cremation at East Chapel Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane, SW15, on 30th May at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 17 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1X 7ES.

HALL - Dr. Timothy Peter. On May 22nd peacefully at home. A man of faith now at rest with God. Funeral Service at St Stephen's Church, East Twickenham, on Wednesday May 31st at 2pm followed by burial at Teddington Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations to the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

LYON - On May 18th, suddenly at home, Grace Lyon (née Hayes) aged 75, beloved mother and grandmother. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary the Virgin, Essendon, 2.30 pm Friday 2nd June. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Cansearch, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Department of Cytology, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL7 4HQ.

McEVOY - On 21st May, Sheila aged 89, devoted companion and friend of the late Mrs Elwes of Warwick Hall. Requiem Mass at Warwick Bridge on Friday 26th May at 12.30.

MITCHELL - On May 20th peacefully at home in Upper Strensham, Kenneth, Lt Commander D.F.C. R.N. aged 69 years. Much loved husband of Helen, father of Andrew and Harriet and grandfather of James. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday May 26th at 3 pm. Donations for The Stroke Association may be sent to Malcolm J. Presland Funeral Directors, 1 High Street, Tewkesbury, Glos.

MONTAGU - On Friday May 19th at Wexham Park Hospital after a short illness, Lady Julia Frances. Funeral on Friday, May 26th at 12 noon at St Andrew's Church, Wraysbury, Berks., followed by a burial at Brampton, Cambs. Flowers to church. Donations to Action Research, Dorchester, Dorset.

MORRIS - On May 18th, suddenly but peacefully in Hermanus, South Africa, Lesley Dade, loving wife of the late Tim Morris and much loved sister, guardian Godmother and friend. The funeral service will take place in South Africa. A Memorial Service in England will be announced shortly.

NORMAN - Hilda Florence Annie (Ann). On May 22nd 1995, peacefully at her home in Hull. Dear wife of Professor A.F. Norman, loving mother of Keith, Peter and Jennifer, beloved grandmother of Ben and Sarah and of Simon, Sara, Richard and Michael, after 79 years of loving and giving. Funeral Service at the Chanterlands Crematorium, Hull, at 2 pm on Wednesday 31st May. Family flowers only please but donations for the National Deaf Childrens Society c/o E.W. Brown & Son Ltd. (Funeral Directors), 433 Beverley Road, Hull HU5 1LX, would be appreciated.

O'NEILL - (Rathclaren) 18th May 1995, Philip Holmes M.A., B.A.I., M.R.Ae.S., C.ENG., suddenly at his home. Beloved husband of Patricia. Funeral Service will take place at St John's Church, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, on Friday 26th May at 2.30 pm, followed by family cremation. Family flowers only please.

REDMAYNE - On May 20th, in a nursing home, Katharine, much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at Stafford Crematorium on Saturday 27th May at 2.30 pm.

SHEPHERD - On 23rd May 1995, peacefully after a long and courageous fight, Patricia Ann aged 59. Loving and loved wife of Roy and much loved mother of Catherine, Vivienne, Robert and Miranda, and proud grandmother of Edmund, William and Anna. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Private funeral followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St George's Church, Damerham, on Friday 9th June at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Imperial Cancer Research c/o John Shering Funeral Directors, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AY.

SPROULE - On 20th May 1995, peacefully at Sobell House, Oxford, Elizabeth Ellen (Liz). The funeral service will take place on Thursday June 1st at Oxford Crematorium in the Memorial Chapel at 11.45am. Family flowers only please. Donations to Sir Michael Sobell House c/o Green & Co., 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford.

SYKES - Marjorie, peacefully at home on Sunday 21st May. Funeral Barham Village Church, nr. Canterbury, Kent, 2.30 pm Friday 26th May.

TEBBUTT - On May 20th, Paul Warren of Hitchin, Herts., aged 92 years. Loving husband of Phyllis and much loved father of David, Gillian and Elizabeth, grandfather and great-grandfather of their children. Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday May 31st at 12 noon at St Ippolyts Church. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Garden House Hospice c/o Appeal Office, Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts.

URQUHART OF CRAIGSTON - On May 22nd 1995, peacefully at home in S. Eulalia, Ibiza after an illness, Major Bruce Urquhart of Craigston, OBE, FLS, aged 87, much loved husband of Bobs and father of Holly, Sara, Alexander and Georgia. Family funeral in Ibiza. Memorial Service at Craigston to be announced.

WINGATE-SAUL - On the afternoon of 20th May 1995, tragically in a car accident, Sally, adored wife of Charles and much loved mother and friend of Alastair and the late Amy. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Milton Abbey at 11.30 am on Friday 16th June. If wished donations to British Diabetic Association or Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund c/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4EZ.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

POXON - Peter. 24th May 1994. Beloved husband and father. We miss you. Valerie, Alex and Netta.

WOLFSON - Lady Edith Wolfson (1907-1981). On her birthday. Remembered with love by all her family and friends.

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OBITUARIES

RAGNHILD HATTON

Ragnhild Hatton, FBA, historian and biographer, died in London on May 16 aged 82. She was born in Bergen, Norway, on February 10, 1913.



THE publication of Ragnhild Hatton's definitive biographies of Charles XII of Sweden (1968) and of George I of Hanover and England (1978) established her international reputation as one of the outstanding scholars of 17th and 18th-century history writing in English. Professor of International History at the London School of Economics from 1968 until her retirement in 1980, she was one of the most forceful, energetic and charismatic historians at the University of London, which remained the base of her professional activities for all of her life in Britain.

She had begun that life, however, as Ragnhild Marie Hanssen in Norway and, despite her profound love for Britain and for a particularly traditional British way of life, it was impossible to think of Ragnhild as anything other than Norwegian and, specifically, as a native of Bergen. In 1936 she both took her master's degree at Oslo University — Bergen University had not then been founded — and married an Englishman, Harry Hatton, settling with him in London into a united partnership which lasted until his death over fifty years later.

This decisive change of direction brought her to the University of London and, allowing for the interruptions of motherhood and the war, she obtained her PhD from University College London in 1947.

Ragnhild Hatton had been particularly influenced by two scholars of notable intellectual independence who helped to shape her own challenging and deeply rigorous approach to history: G. J. Renier and Mark Thomson. After her initial study of Anglo-Dutch relations in the early 18th century, she moved steadily away from traditional diplomatic history and became one of the pioneers in evolving a more synthetic approach to the study of international affairs.

Deeply uncomfortable with received opinions, she insisted upon total immersion in the widest possible range of archival sources and a linguistic mastery which few other historians achieved, even teaching herself to read in Russian and Turkish as preparation for her *Charles XII*.

She was fond of attributing the unyielding application and ferocious energy which such demanding research required to her Viking blood, and, at the height of her powers, she was frequently likened to a Valkyrie. When in 1983, she was made a knight (first class) of the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olaf she took particular pleasure in the fact that one of her predecessors, Kirsten Flagstad, had been a supreme interpreter, womanly but indomitable, of the role of Brünnhilde, and so she saw herself.

Ragnhild's increasing interest in the craft of biography, aided by her keen curiosity and interest in individual personalities, marked another stage of her intellectual development. The study of Charles XII and *George I: Elector and King*, translated into Swedish and German respectively, are enduring contributions; but it was *Louis XIV and his World* (1972), in which she demonstrated her highly sophisticated skills in using visual material as historical evidence, and *Louis XIV and Europe* (1976), together with seminal articles on Louis and his court, that brought her recognition in France and the Palmes académiques in 1984.

Much of her work appeared in French, Spanish and Portuguese translations, and it was characteristic that the shared interest in Louis XIV, rather than producing rivalry, knitted her even more closely in friendship to Professor Andrew Lossky, another independent-minded cosmopolitan, at the University of California, Los Angeles. The flow of invitations to visit American universities during the 1970s and early 1980s — which she called her "golden years" — owed much to this mutual respect and affection.

By the 1970s she had become a force of nature, and her commitment to archival research did not diminish the time and energy she devoted to her students and to the University of London. Beginning as an assistant lecturer in 1949, she moved on to the posts of lecturer, 1950, Reader, 1958, and then Professor of International History, 1968, at the LSE, where she enjoyed a particularly close professional and personal friendship with the Stevenson Professor, the late James Joll. As a distinguished early-modernist interested in courts, she especially enjoyed the pomp and ceremony which came with her stint, 1974-78, as Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at the LSE.

Her exacting standards were twinned to a seemingly boundless generosity, which helps to explain why other mooted projects — a book on the northern crowns, a full-scale biography of Louis XIV — were never realised. This open-handed and open-hearted devotion to her students was returned to her in full measure as they came to constitute almost an extended family. Those personal qualities which endeared her to younger generations — her salty frankness, her appetite for hard work, her inability to mask her disapproval for those who wilfully fell beneath her standards — did not make her universally cherished by her colleagues. Ragnhild Hatton never pretended to be an "easy" person, and her distrust of emollient and accommodating careerists probably explains why she was more honoured abroad than by her adopted country.

In addition to the Norwegian and French honours, she was created a Commander of the Swedish Royal Order of the Northern Star in 1986, another sign of her immense achievement in Scandinavian studies. Much to her husband's irritation, she received no official recognition in any honours list in this country and it would be an understatement to describe her election in 1993 as a "late". Not inclined to bear grudges, she threw herself, despite failing physical health, into the Academy's activities with characteristic gusto laced with an amused and detached irony.

Harry Hatton, who had shared her love of music, museums, travel and food and who was a constant partner in all her public life, died in 1989. Ragnhild Hatton is survived by their two sons.

MAJOR WALTER MAGOR

Major Walter Magor CMG, OBE, colonial administrator and horticulturist, died on May 1 aged 83. He was born on June 1 1911.



WALTER MAGOR served in India and Kenya before joining the Home Civil Service in Whitehall. It was not until his retirement, however, that he could fully achieve his life's ambition by turning to botany and horticulture.

His military career in British India came to a premature end in the 1930s when he asked his commanding officer for permission to get married — an essential requirement in those days. "I expect subalterns in the Poona Horse to spend their money on polo ponies, not on wives," his commanding officer sternly replied, turning him down. Not prepared to subscribe to this order of priorities, young Magor resigned his commission and looked elsewhere for a career.

He joined the Indian Political Service, which took a more tolerant view of matrimony, returning to his regiment as a reserve officer when the Second World War broke out. The Poona Horse which had recently been mechanised went to North Africa, but Magor was sent on a reconnaissance mission to Iran — then regarded as a vulnerable link on the route to India.

He went back to the Indian Political Service after the war to lead a dangerous life for the next two years, dispensing justice in isolated parts of northern India, then awash with nationalist fervour and communal violence.

Partition in 1947 forced him once again to change direction. Switching to the Kenyan colonial administration, he spent most of the 1950s in Nairobi, involved at one time with combating Mau Mau terrorism.

Appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence in Nairobi in 1954, he became acting Defence Minister two years later, then Cabinet Secretary.

On leaving Kenya at the beginning of the 1960s, he was appointed CMG — he had been advanced to OBE from MBE in 1956. He was later decorated by the Belgian Government for his part in organising the evacuation to Nairobi of Belgian nationals fleeing fighting in the Congo.

Meanwhile, on returning home, Magor embarked on what was in effect his fourth career, by joining the British Civil Service in order to take up a post at the Board of Trade. He rose to be an assistant secretary at what was by that time the Department of Trade and Industry before retiring at the age of 60. Only then was he able to realise his original dream.

He had been born Edward Walter Moyle Magor at Lamellen, St Tudy, north Cornwall, on land which his family had owned since the Domesday Book. His father, a non-practising barrister and country gentleman, had been given some rhododendron seeds from the Far East at a time when collectors were scouring the Himalayas for them, so young Walter grew up in a world of sumptuous blooms.

At Marlborough he carried off the botany prize, and also demonstrated his love of horses by exercising them for a local trainer. He then read botany at Magdalen College, Oxford, before taking a higher degree at Magdalene, Cambridge. He then looked round for a botanist's job in Britain.

But such posts were few and far between in the recession of the early 1930s. "If I don't get this, I will join the Indian Army," he told one prospective employer, who kindly advised him that he had better book his passage.

He pursued his interest in plants while overseas. But it was only on returning to this country that he could turn his attention to Lamellen. His father had died in 1941, since when the grounds of the big house had been neglected. The flower beds were overgrown and full of weeds.

But Magor started the work of restoration and returned them to their former glory. When in season the long drive from the main road was soon lined with a magnificent display of rhododendrons.

At the same time Magor edited the Royal Horticultural Society's justly celebrated *Rhododendron and Camelia Yearbook* between 1974 and 1982, was chairman of the RHS's rhododendron and camelia group for four years and won numerous prizes including the Veitch Memorial Medal in 1966. Locally he served as president of the Cornwall Garden Society and the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association. He was made a Deputy Lieutenant of the county in 1974, was High Sheriff in 1981 and was chairman of the St John Council.

As well as being a good horseman, who rode at point-to-points, hunted and played polo as a young man, Magor became a keen shot while in India. But nothing ever replaced botany as his first love. He was a generous gardener, happy to pass on his knowledge as well as cuttings and seeds to others who shared his passion.

Walter Magor's Irish-born wife Daphne died in 1972. He is survived by two daughters.



MARSHALL ROYAL

Marshall Royal, jazz saxophonist and musical director, died in Los Angeles on May 8 aged 82. He was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on May 12, 1912

"YOU couldn't have wished for a better deputy to help you with a big band," wrote Count Basie, for whom Marshall Royal played lead alto saxophone for nearly twenty years, from 1951 to 1970. Other bandleaders agreed, and Royal played a key role in establishing the Lionel Hampton Orchestra, after having been a mainstay of Les Hite's band in Culver City throughout the 1930s. Royal was also an accomplished soloist on violin, clarinet and alto saxophone, and he contributed to thousands of recording sessions as a freelance, for leaders as varied as Ray Charles and Duke Ellington.

Marshall Walton Royal could hardly have been anything but a musician. He was born on the road, in a backwater of Oklahoma, as his parents and his uncle, who formed a stage act called the Three Royals, worked their way from Texas to California. "I slept at night behind my mother's piano, wrapped up in my father's overcoat" he recalled. When his father became president of Los Angeles Local 767, the black branch of the Musicians' Union, the house in which they settled became a centre for local music-making, and Royal had formal violin lessons followed by informal (but rigorous) clarinet tuition from his uncle. His younger brother Ernie also took up music, becoming a successful trumpeter and arranger.

As a teenager, Royal made a healthy living by winning talent contests at the various amateur nights around Los Angeles. His earnings had peaked at around $75 a week when he was banned from competing for being "a professional" although he was still in high school. His first job was with Leon Rene's band, and he went on to work with Atwell Rose. At 18 he joined Hite's band, the resident orchestra at Frank Sebastian's New Cotton Club, and regular accompanists to stars like Louis Armstrong and Fats Waller.

Hite's drummer was Lionel Hampton, who remembered Royal's talent as an organiser and asked the Royal brothers to join his big band in 1940 after his meteoric rise to fame with Benny Goodman.

Royal imposed discipline and order on a youthful and vigorous reed section in Hampton's band, which included Dexter Gordon and Illinois Jacquet. Jacquet always credited Royal with inspiring his greatest recorded solo on *Flying Home* by whispering "Be yourself!" to Jacquet as he stepped up to the microphone. Royal himself took a major share of the band's solos from rather florid clarinet playing to a direct, bluesy style on alto, as well as sharing violin duets on slow ballads with Ray Perry.

For the most part, this was a successful stage in Royal's career, although after a season at the Trianon Ballroom in Los Angeles he complained to Hampton that he was being featured like a "black Benny Goodman". Royal left Hampton abruptly after hearing the band's agent Joe Glaser advising Gladys Hampton (their manager) over salaries: "Buy cheap and sell high."

Naval service and a spell with Eddie Haywood's band led Royal to freelance work on the West Coast, before Count Basie invited him to replace Buddy De Franco. Royal accepted, playing clarinet in Basie's septet, and going on to become a founder member of Basie's 1950s big band. Ironically, since Royal had appeared several times as a deputy and a film extra with Duke Ellington's band in the 1930s, he agreed to join Basie only two weeks before Ellington asked him to replace Johnny Hodges in his band. Royal felt unwilling to leave Basie so soon (he eventually stayed for almost two decades), and declined the offer but he was still touring with Ellington alumni groups in the late 1980s despite, at best, only being a part-time member of Duke's band.

Royal settled in Los Angeles after leaving Basie, working regularly with cornettist Bill Berry and with the Kapp-Pierce Juggernaut. He led his own band occasionally, but for the most part freelanced both on the international tour circuit and in the studios.

He came to England in 1989 with Berry and trombonist Buster Cooper, and the following year toured in the US with other musicians of his generation, including Doc Cheatham and Jay MacShann. However illnesses hampered his playing career in the last two years.

Marshall Royal was married to the entertainer Evelyn Williamson.

JOSEF BRAUN

Josef Braun, accountant and finance director, died on May 4 aged 66. He was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, on March 23, 1929.

JOSEF BRAUN started his career as a "financial man" (as he always described himself) with Unilever in Germany in 1955. The European Union was then way in the distance but the war with Germany was a recent memory.

At the time it was the policy of Unilever, and of many other European multinational companies, to avoid appointing German nationals to any senior post outside Germany. As with so much of his life, however, "Seppel" Braun was the exception. Not only were his talents as a financial man quickly recognised but it was also discovered that he had an extraordinary ability to get on well with anyone and everybody without losing his authority or his attractiveness as a personality.

Josef Braun was the son of an engineer in the public service. After attending local schools, he read economics at Mainz University and was awarded a doctorate in economics in 1958.

Five years later Unilever in Germany decided to send Braun to London for about two years on secondment to the Unilever internal audit department. That decision was inspired. It led to some 22 years of distinguished service to the Unilever Group worldwide and to the repairing and building of bridges between German and English people.

Braun had not been in London long before he was asked to stay on. When invited to become the deputy head of the Unilever internal audit department in England, he asked whether British staff would accept a German as their superior. He was told that the British were fair and that, if he was good at his job, they would respect him and all would be well.

He accepted the appointment and it was a great success. He then moved to the Unilever advertising arm, Lintas International, which operated in 28 countries. He became World Finance Director and travelled the globe, covering some three million air miles outside Europe alone.

In 1970, his aeroplane was hijacked in Brazil by armed terrorists. As was typical of his approach, even to serious problems, he was calm and relaxed and fell asleep in the aircraft until rescued with the other passengers in a shoot-out. He was uninjured.

In 1985, at the age of 57, Braun took early retirement since there were already signs that his health was weakening. He then spent a happy and quiet retirement with his wife, Erika, whom he married in 1957, at their delightful homes in Chislehurst and Mainz, Germany.

He collected stamps, tended his gardens, enjoyed listening to classical music and partaking of his favourite wines. He was a generous host and a devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife and his son and daughter.

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MR. GRAHAM ENDS HIS MISSION

120,000 AT STADIUM

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Billy Graham, the young American evangelist, ended his Greater London Crusade with an audience of at least 120,000 persons in Wembley Stadium on Saturday, in cold, drizzling weather that would have chilled the heart of most gatherings. At the close, promptly answering his Mosaic text, "Who is on the Lord's side?," a few thousand men, women, and children poured in tributary streams upon the circular cinder track and grouped themselves thick beneath the evangelist's rostrum to surrender themselves (in the words of his exhortation) "feet, arms, legs, eyes, heart, mind, and soul."

Then Mr. Graham invited the multitude still seated to wave handkerchiefs to show that they, too, had made a decision, and the ledges of the cliff-like rim of the stadium were dotted with flutters of white linen. Over the great concourse, hushed to silence, Dr. Fisher raised his right hand and pronounced his archiepiscopal blessing.

Other religious leaders present included the Rev. E. Benson Perkins, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council: the Bishop of Barking, a member of the London Crusade executive committee; the Rev. Ernest Payne, general secretary, Baptist Union: the Rev. Colin Roberts, ex-Moderator of the Methodist Conference; and Colonel Bernard Booth, of the Salvation Army. Sir Noel Bowater, Lord Mayor of London, and the Lady Mayoress were also present.

An hour or two earlier Mr. Graham had been at White City, with an audience reckoned at 65,000 persons, and again a few thousand men, women, and children had come forward with their minds made up in response to his appeal—a total audience, therefore, within the space of three or four hours, of at least 185,000, all of whom had made light of the bad weather, and many of whom had come hundreds of miles by bus and train.

Mr. Graham has said that the size of his audiences at Harringay, Wembley and elsewhere is the proof of the greatest spiritual awakening Britain has known. Time will show. For the present, an observer must add the comment that the hundreds of buses that choked the roads to Wembley were filled by church and chapel members who sang hymns all the way into the car park; and that therefore it should not be concluded that the greater part of the immense audience needed introduction to the church.

Then there were the thousands who surrendered. They were of all ages, of many social strata, it seemed. Here, an ill-dressed pensioner hobbled forward; there, a father, his face glowing with conviction, led out two very young and, apparently, puzzled children. They were soon lost to sight in a press of the smart and the dowdy, the schoolgirls and the matrons, the middle-aged men and the youths ... Very still, upon his rostrum of steel tubes and wooden platform, roofed with a skimpy tarpaulin, stood Mr. Graham, pale, taut, intense, but somehow self-effacing and modest, as is his nature.

On Mr. Graham's last night, as on his first, the mind sought to find precisely what in all the meeting or service could have so potently touched the depths of a man's spirit to make him decide for Christianity now rather than at any time. It could scarcely be Mr. Graham, who is the first to say, what the Press have always been willing to say for him, that he is not a remarkable preacher by evangelical standards.

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Many house buyers fall in love first with beautiful foliage. **David Hoppit** reports

When it comes to selling houses at this time of the year the answer, quite often, lies in the soil. Even a prosaic 1960s semi becomes a desirable residence if it is framed by a well-prepared garden, with the smell of fresh coffee wafting from the kitchen.

Rupert Sweeting, of Knight Frank & Rutley, says most people decide within five minutes of arriving at a property whether they want to buy it — thus the garden assumes major significance.

Houses with gardens and parkland designed by acclaimed masters, such as Gertrude Jekyll or Capability Brown, or even by a contemporary designer such as Roddy Llewellyn, always have a head-start over those of lesser pedigree, he says.

"To balance this, one has to remember that gardens have to be maintained. Someone spending £1 million or more can probably afford one or two full-time gardeners: those spending £500,000 or less will need a good lawnmower and plenty of time to do the work themselves with, at best, a bit of local help once or twice a week," says Mr Sweeting.

Gardening is the nation's greatest hobby, but it can be a dangerous pastime: every year some 200,000 accidents occur among the borders, 2,000 of them caused by the humble flowerpot.

The focus is on gardening this week, with the Great Spring Show at Chelsea Hospital, which started yesterday, again expected to attract 170,000 garden lovers, 10,000 of them from overseas. So popular has the Chelsea Flower Show become that even on public days there are no tickets at the gates.

Despite the endearing popularity of gardening, a hobby which has no age or social barriers, estate agents' brochures often pay scant attention to the surroundings of the house; tucked away at the foot of most is a banal reference to the setting in which it reposes — "pretty landscaped grounds" or "well stocked gardens" is about the limit of their panegyric.

Paradoxically, it is the garden that can clinch the sale of a property. The frame around the home, coupled with what builders call "kerb appeal", counts for more than film-star bathrooms and fitted kitchens, especially in spring and summer.

There is a temptation when buying a new home, of whatever age, to attack the garden, to put one's fingerprints on it straight away. In the case of an established garden this is a serious mistake; and if it is really special the new owner could incur the wrath of English Heritage, which now lists historic and special gardens in the same way as ancient monuments; the categories are the same too — Grade I, Grade II* and Grade II.

So far only about 2,000 gardens have been put on the register; only a few carry the highest, Grade I, label. The gardens range in size from a couple of acres, as with the Gertrude Jekyll/Sir Edwin Lutyens masterpiece at The Deanery, Sonning, Berkshire, (a Grade II*), up to nearly 6,000 acres, as in the case of Windsor Great Park.

Sadly, the mere fact that a garden is listed does not in itself protect it from onslaught by bulldozers. Only structures, such as walls, balustrading, ice houses, troughs and even raised cobble stones are protected by the law; the "organic" part of the garden is not.

Trees with more than three-inch girths are also normally sacred, but that means ancient hedgerows are vulnerable. It is left to individual discretion when it comes to planting and planning. A garden designed by Miss Jekyll, the myopic old lady whom Lutyens called "Bumps", is of inestimable value, adding thousands to the value of the property. Only a lunatic or a philistine would destroy it.

Miss Jekyll, who was apparently able to identify trees by the sound of the breeze in the leaves, was not, of course, the only gardening genius whose work is preserved. My favourite small garden is that by William Robertson, at Graveye Manor, in Sussex.

But what of gardens of lesser pedigree? Abandoned churchyards are often the best source of long-forgotten musk roses, eglantine and woodbine. Hedgerows around thatched cottages usually have abundant woodbine (honeysuckle) because the old thatchers used it for tying the thatch, discarding odd pieces which took root.

The secret is to leave a garden virtually untouched for at least a season, other than removing brambles and the like. All manner of treasures could reveal themselves when the spring sunshine warms the sod, including bulbs and paeonies planted lovingly by long-dead gardeners.

Even that leaning, lichen-covered apple tree is worth hanging on to. For one thing it will be a variety of proven worth to the area in which it was planted (otherwise it would not have survived); secondly, it may well be the last surviving example — spare the axe and strimmer for at least a year.

GARDENS A CUT ABOVE THE REST

☐ Ayston Hall, near Uppingham, Leicestershire, is not only a Grade II home but also has a Grade II ha-ha at the southern edge of its gardens. Clayton Country Property, of Oakham, and Knight Frank and Rutley offer the 1807 hall for about £500,000.

☐ A partly walled garden designed by Miss Jekyll lifts the Victorian "Crossways", Munstead Heath, Godalming, Surrey, into the special league; offered by Hamptons for £275,000.

☐ There are many advantages to having a garden in town, not least the absence of blackspot, which afflicts roses in country gardens. Egerton is suggesting £1.5 million for the 42-year lease on 17 Pelham Crescent, in South Kensington (see picture, right).

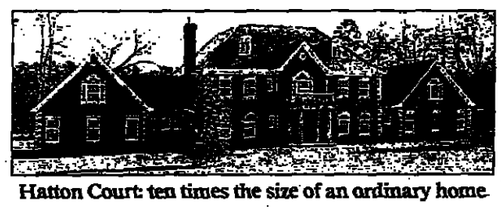
☐ Humberts and Freeman Forman are offering Folkington Place, beneath Kipling's "whale-backed" South Downs, in East Sussex. The 17th-century house features walled gardens that for the past 42 years have been tended by Miss Priscilla Coventry (Covey, to her gardening friends). Miss Coventry, who rises with the lark and works until dusk ("with a two-hour rest at midday"), is no ordinary gardener — she is nearly 90.



Will the garden of 17 Pelham Crescent be listed one day? About 2,000 others have been

For £1.6m, the home that needs an intercom

New mansions seem to be getting larger and larger, almost as if they were competing with each other to be the biggest and the best. Four miles from Berkshire's Sunninghill Park, the grandiose home which the Duke and Duchess of York had built for them, Hatton Court is being offered by Hamptons, of Sunningdale, for £1.6 million. The new property — a mammoth of a house with 10,500 sq ft of accommodation — is ten times the size of an ordinary three to four-bedroomed new home and has been built by local builders on a site which has been a field for the past six years.



Hatton Court: ten times the size of an ordinary home

It has its own leisure complex, air-conditioned indoor pool, steam room and staff wing. Inside, it has all the latest technology, including state-of-the-art alarm system, electric gate with infra-red video entry and sensor floodlights. There is wiring, should the new owner wish it, for a remote control inter-room music system.

With a house of this size, it might well be a good idea to have an intercom system between the rooms just so that occupants can talk to each other from either end of the house, rather than walking the distance.

There are double power showers in the marble bathrooms; a 24ft by 23ft kitchen with polished Chinese slate floor, polished granite work surfaces and hand-painted units; three large reception rooms; a triple garage; separate children's nursery area, and a gardener's lavatory. In the leisure complex there is also a games room-cum-gymnasium and outside an all-weather tennis court.

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NEWS

Bus crash kills pensioners

■ At least ten pensioners on a Royal British Legion day trip to Wales were feared dead and a futher 20 injured after their coach careered off the M4 motorway down an embankment.

Hospitals alerted more than 100 staff to cope with the accident, which happened last night between the Severn Bridge and the Almondsbury interchange ..... **Pages 1**

Media ownership restricted

■ *A radical overhaul of media ownership rules was announced by the Government, limiting any single owner to 10 per cent of the combined television, radio and newspaper marketplace. The rules would effectively block expansion of Britain's two biggest national press groups — News International, which owns The Times and four other national newspapers, and Mirror Group* ..... **Pages 1, 17, 30**

Camelot criticised

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, came under renewed attack after claims that it was earning up to £1 million a week for its services ..... **Pages 1, 25**

Oil rig battle

A hunt through the obsolete Brent Spar oil platform was under way as police and oilmen braved flares and smoke cannisters to track down the remaining Greenpeace protesters ..... **Page 2**

Bias 'aided pimps'

A left-wing council's politically correct policies in favour of gays, women and ethnic minorities helped paedophile rings, pimps, drug dealers and child pornographers to exploit children in care, a report says ..... **Page 3**

Libel payment

The organisers of the London Marathon accepted a £1.1 million libel payment from Channel 4 and *New Statesman and Society* magazine over allegations that they used the event to enrich *themselves* ..... **Page 3**

Harder 'L' test

Learner drivers will have to answer written questions before being allowed to take a driving *test, ministers said* ..... **Page 8**

Lawyers' league

Clients would be able to choose lawyers according to their success in winning cases under "league *table" proposals* ..... **Page 7**

Yeltsin says 'no'

President Yeltsin jeopardised Russia's general elections planned for this year when he vetoed a key electoral Bill and triggered a political crisis with parliament ..... **Page 12**

Jet woman well

The woman whose life was saved in an emergency operation with a coat-hanger on board a jumbo jet flying at 35,000ft left hospital after doctors said she was doing well ..... **Page 5**

Oklahoma mourns

The building that had become a monument to America's worst act of terrorism has vanished from Oklahoma City ..... **Page 10**

Archdeacon's rise

The Ven Christopher Herbert, Archdeacon of Dorking, has been plucked from the obscurity of life as a country clergyman to be Bishop of St Albans ..... **Page 8**

Blow for Right

One of the Republican Right's most cherished proposals — to set term limits for members of the United States Congress — was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court ..... **Page 11**

Peking's fury

Peking demanded that Washington should withdraw permission for President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan to visit America or face a serious deterioration in *relations* ..... **Page 13**

First artists were Australians

■ The history of art may have to be rewritten after the discovery in an Australian outback cave, using a new dating method, of a "crayon", a piece of red ochre flattened on one side, dating back possibly 60,000 years. Traditionally, archaeologists have assumed 30,000-year-old rock paintings in France to be the beginning of art ..... **Page 11**

MARTIN KEENE



The Queen and the Emir of Kuwait arrive at Buckingham Palace yesterday at the start of the Emir's state visit to Britain. Page 18

BUSINESS

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Economy: The Treasury's panel of six independent economic forecasters is split right down the middle on where they think interest rates should go ..... **Page 23**

Defence: GEC and British Aerospace have been cleared to renew their bids for VSEL, the Barrow shipbuilder, after Michael Heseltine overruled a majority report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 7.3 points, to close at 3,291.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 85.0 to 84.8 after a rise from $1.5677 to $1.5710 and a fall from DM2.2696 to DM2.2575 ..... **Page 26**

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Motor racing: Nigel Mansell's contract with McLaren has been terminated after only two races. Mark Blundell has been chosen to replace him in the Monaco Grand Prix this weekend ..... **Page 44**

Football: Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince are in the England squad for the four-team international tournament against Brazil, Sweden and Japan this summer ..... **Page 44**

Cricket: England go into the first match of the Texaco Trophy one-day series against West Indies as bookmakers' favourites on flimsy evidence ..... **Page 42**

Rugby union: Jonah Lomu, of New Zealand, could become the sensation of the World Cup. He is the heaviest man in the team, yet he plays on the wing ..... **Page 39**

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Cambridge windfall: A £6.6 million grant from the Arts Council's Lottery Fund, to be announced today, will enable the Cambridge Arts Theatre to be restored ..... **Page 33**

Glyndebourne's triumph: Rossini's rarely staged tragedy *Ermione* opened Glyndebourne's summer season on Monday — and proved to be a revelation ..... **Page 31**

Entertaining Hitler: Was Furtwängler right to stay and work in Nazi Germany? That is the question underlying Ronald Harwood's engrossing new play at Chichester, *Taking Sides* ..... **Page 33**

Wonder full: Stevie Wonder recaptured much of his old magic in his Albert Hall concert, which raised funds for the National Institute for the Blind ..... **Page 31**

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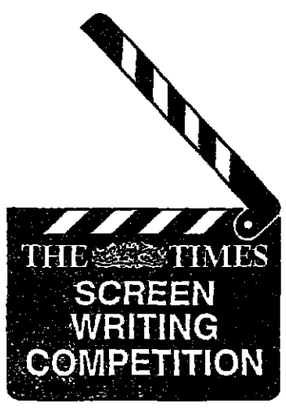
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Following suit: The flip side to this season's utterly feminine fashion story is an androgynous take on men's tailoring. Iain R. Webb on the classic tuxedo ..... **Page 14**

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Closing Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington is a diminishment of American courage, decency and democracy. It is a diminishment of the traditional American notion of a citizen President

— The Washington Times

Following the Oklahoma bombing, Americans are justifiably concerned at the growing problem of militias. Congress should do nothing that compromises rights, but it has an obligation to expose outlaw extremists

— Los Angeles Times

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Preview: The actress Jane Horrocks samples the French Caribbean in the first of a new series of *The Travel Show* (BBC2, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss finds that the BBC's new police series has familiar echoes ..... **Page 43**

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Dorrell's law

The classic dangers of media monopoly are high prices, lack of consumer choice and a narrowing of political diversity. That is precisely what Mr Dorrell would achieve if he were ever allowed to enact his proposals ..... **Page 17**

Duma democracy

Far better to risk postponing the Russian elections than proceed with an election on a flawed basis ..... **Page 17**

Sellotape, air hostess

Most advances in surgery, from anaesthetics to sterilisation, have been made in emergency theatres ..... **Page 17**

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SIMON JENKINS

Baroness Thatcher began, hesitantly, a process of public sector reform which John Major has struggled to continue. He may not engage wide support in his reforms, but he should engage hers ..... **Page 16**

ALAN COREN

Unless you are reading this on the French Riviera, there are no tall girls where you are. I know that because I am writing this on the *French Riviera, and all the tall girls* in the world are here ..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Paddy Ashdown and his allies are seeking to open the door to co-*operation with Labour, while Tony* Blair has been careful not to close the door. It is delicate for both parties: meetings of minds and discussions, for example, rather than any hint of pacts or deals. Any moves are fraught with difficulty ..... **Page 9**

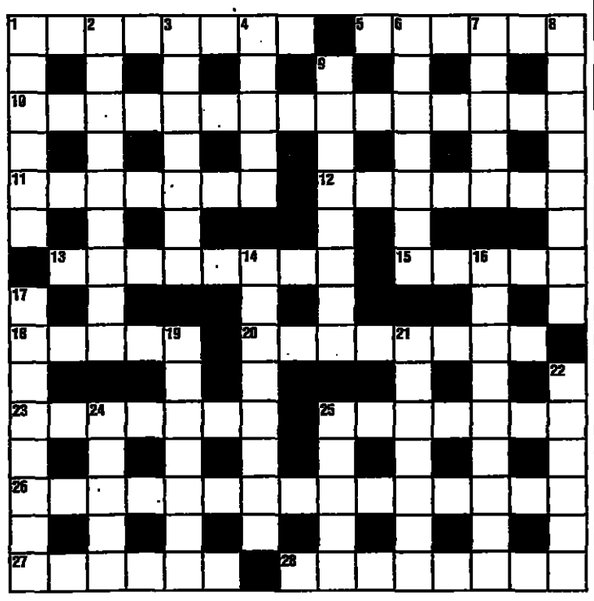
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,863



ACROSS

1 Secure opening to hide-out (4-4)
5 Conservative bid is safe (6)
10 To guard your position put rocks outside with earth (5,4,6)
11 Group of islands with one protected by the French and English (7)
12 Pack used to split defence (7)
13 Work put back by river board can be carried out (8)
15 Drain off at the bottom (5)
18 It's a piece of cake in a golf club (5)
20 Weight of stones current swept back at start of the downpour (8)
23 Food served by devotee with a flourish (7)
25 Conspicuous way to receive stranger (7)
26 One I sent to chuck out unwelcome guest (6,2,3,4)
27 Uninteresting cereal product found in waterless environment (6)
28 Create a disturbance peacemakers need to resolve (8)

DOWN

1 One sailor after another capsized by rock (6)
2 Lose head in excitement after money secures tenancy (9)
3 Source of water conservationists used to maintain old monster (7)
4 Ruled with material reinforcements in the interior (5)
6 One involved in a row likely to draw a blade? (7)
7 "The Afternoon of a Faun" — a *little glimpse of animal life (5)*
8 Damage initially contained by calm and skill of flier (8)
9 Hungry? Drifting net sure to catch one! (8)
14 Russian police chief adopting measure causing *ill-feeling* perhaps (8)
16 Reduction applicable to order covering a thousand books (9)
17 Deceitful like the Knave of Hearts, say? (3-5)
19 Entrance to Rome university requiring an exchange of letters (7)
21 Always uplifted when priest enters to bring succour (7)
22 Sculpture is not right in height (6)
24 Agreeable to accept opening of House in the recess (5)
25 Determined assault (3,2)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,862

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.43in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 12.6hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be rather cloudy with showers developing, some turning heavy and possibly thundery. In the east the showers are likely to die out later in the day.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy. Showers in the west will spread to all areas and could merge to give longer spells of rain.

☐ **London, SE, Central S England, Channel Isles:** rather cloudy with showers, possibly thundery at first. Becoming drier later. Wind south mainly light. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, E, Central N, NE England:** cloud increasing with showers developing. Becoming drier later. Wind southeast mainly light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SW England, Wales:** *rather cloudy with showers. Becoming* brighter in afternoon but still showery. Wind south to southeasterly mainly light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** rather cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Wind southeast moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloud increasing with showers developing. Becoming more prolonged later. Wind southeast moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** broken cloud and showers. Cloud thickening in the west on Friday.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands L; East Anglia L; Wales L; *South East L; South West L; London L.* *H=high, L=low M=moderate.*

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bnght; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rainy; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.9	0.03	14	57	r	Littlehmptn	8.7	-	16	61	s
Anglesey	0.9	-	15	59	c	Liverpool	3.2	-	18	64	b
Aspatria	3.0	-	17	63	c	London	8.1	-	19	66	s
Aviemore	0.2	0.11	13	55	c	Lowestoft	7.6	-	13	55	s
Belfast	-	0.02	13	55	r	Manchester	2.4	-	18	64	b
Birmingham	3.4	-	19	66	b	Margate	10.1	-	15	59	s
Bognor R	9.4	-	17	63	s	Minehead	6.8	-	18	64	s
Bournem'th	8.2	-	17	63	s	*Morecambe*	1.5	-	17	63	c
Bristol	1.2	-	18	64	b	Newcastle	1.6	-	16	64	b
Buxton	2.4	-	16	61	c	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	4.3	-	17	63	b	Norwich	7.3	-	18	61	s
Clacton	6.8	-	15	59	b	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	4.9	-	17	63	s	Oxford	4.6	-	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	0.4	-	18	64	c	Penzance	0.9	-	16	61	b
Cromer	10.9	-	15	59	s	Poole	8.4	-	17	63	s
Doncaster	2.5	-	18	64	b	Prestatyn	X		18	64	c
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	3.8	-	19	66	b
Eastbourne	6.4	-	15	59	s	Ryde	6.1	-	16	59	b
Edinburgh	1.4	-	16	61	b	Saltcombe	4.3	-	18	61	s
Eskdalemuir	0.5	0.01	13	55	r	Sandown	7.4	-	16	61	b
Exmouth	6.5	-	15	59	b	Saunin Snd	1.5	-	19	66	b
Falmouth	X	-	16	61	b	Scarboro'	1.1	-	15	59	c
Fishguard	11.8	-	17	63	s	Shanklin	7.7	-	15	59	b
Folkestone	12.1	-	15	59	s	Shrewsbury	4.1	-	18	64	b
Glasgow	-	0.03	15	59	r	Skegness	4.3	-	14	57	b
Guernsey	5.7	-	18	64	s	Southend	12.6	-	15	59	b
Hastings	10.0	-	15	59	s	Southport	10.7	-	18	64	b
Hayling I.	8.1	-	16	61	s	Southsea	8.1	-	15	59	s
Heme Bay	8.5	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	-	0.17	10	50	d
Hove	10.3	-	16	61	s	Swanage	7.4	-	14	57	s
Hunstanton	5.5	-	17	63	b	Teignmouth	6.5	-	15	59	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	1.0	-	18	61	c
Isle of Man	0.2	0.03	13	55	r	Tiree	0.7	0.17	12	54	r
Jersey	8.7	-	20	68	s	Torquay	6.3	-	16	61	b
Kinloss	-	0.07	15	59	r	Ventnor	7.0	-	15	59	b
Leeds	2.4	-	19	66	b	Weymouth	4.6	-	15	59	b
Lerwick	0.7	0.05	10	50	r						
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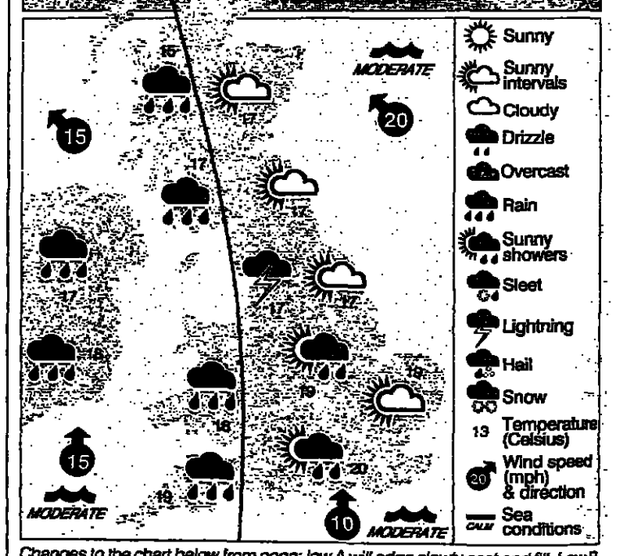
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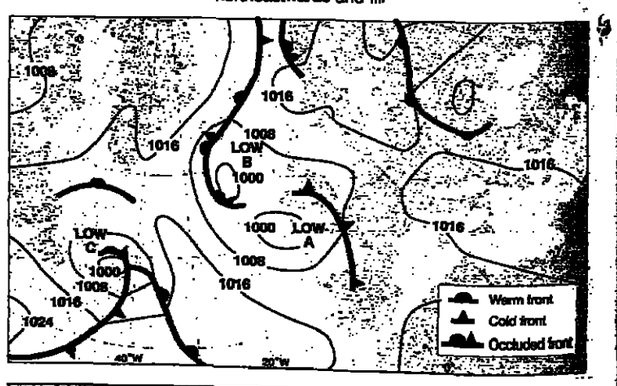
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Corfu	21	70	f	Majorca	24	75	s
Alicante	37	99	s	Dublin	15	59	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Alexandria	28	79	s	Dubrovnik	29	68	s	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	24	75	s	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Florence	23	73	f	Mexico C	26	79	s
Athens	26	79	s	Frankfurt	21	70	s	Miami	31	88	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Milan	23	73	s
Bangkok	35	97	s	Geneva	20	68	s	Montreal	17	63	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Moscow	22	72	c
Barcelona	19	66	s	Helsinki	11	52	c	Munich	20	68	s
Beirut	32	90	s	Hong K	25	77	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	16	61	f	Innsbruck	21	70	s	Naples	20	68	f
Berlin	20	68	f	Istanbul	21	70	f	N Delhi	37	99	f
Bermuda	24	75	c	Jeddah	35	95	s	N York	23	73	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	Jo'burg	11	52	c	Nice	19	66	s
Borde'x	22	72	t	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	14	57	f
Brussels	20	68	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	Paris	23	73	f
Budapst	21	70	f	Le Tquet	22	72	f	Peking	27	81	s
B Aires	15	59	s	Lisbon	22	72	s	Perth	10	50	r
Cairo	37	99	s	Locarno	30	86	c	Prague	17	63	s
Cape Tn	17	63	c	L Angels	18	64	c	Reykjavik	8	46	r
Ch'church	11	52	-	Luxembg	19	66	s	Rhodes	23	73	s
Cologne	22	72	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phagn	15	59	s	Madrid	24	75	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Rome	19	66	s
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Salzburg	22	72	s
S Pr'sco	14	57	c
Santiago	23	73	s
S Paulo	19	66	f
Seoul	25	77	s
Sing'por	28	82	f
St'kholm	9	46	c
Strasb'rg	22	72	s
Sydney	18	64	c
Tangier	25	77	s
Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Tenerife	26	79	s
Tokyo	22	72	s
Toronto	17	63	f
Tunis	29	84	s
Valencia	21	70	s
Vanc'ver	17	63	s
Venice	20	68	s
Vienna	18	64	c
Warsaw	16	61	s
Wash'ton	24	75	s
Wel'ngton	13	55	s
Zurich	20	68	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

WORLD WEATHER



Changes to the chart below from noon: low A will edge slowly east and fill. Low B will be slow-moving and fill. Low C will spread eastwards. Low F will push northeastwards and fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.50	6.86	10.10	6.62	Leith	10.47	4.78	11.30	4.78
Aberdeen	8.34	3.56	10.24	3.59	Liverpool	7.14	8.04	7.56	7.90
Avonmouth	2.51	11.03	3.23	10.92	Lowestoft	5.56	2.20	6.55	2.15
Belfast	7.13	3.15	7.54	3.05	Margate	8.21	4.22	8.35	4.18
Cardiff	2.45	10.18	3.12	10.13	Milford Haven	2.08	5.73	2.43	5.59
Devonport	1.30	4.61	2.10	4.56	Newquay	1.04	5.86	1.37	5.54
Dover	7.27	5.62	7.37	5.82	Oban	2.07	3.14	2.46	2.92
Dublin	7.49	3.75	8.41	3.67	Penzance	0.39	4.82	1.19	4.42
Fairmouth	1.03	4.49	1.38	4.22	Portland	2.14	1.53	3.08	1.53
Glasgow	8.27	4.09	8.58	4.10	Portsmouth	7.25	3.90	8.01	4.21
Harwich	7.46	3.56	8.07	3.44	Shoreham	7.29	5.00	7.58	5.39
Holyhead	6.29	4.80	7.21	4.68	Southampton	7.01	3.81	7.35	4.12
Hull	2.29	6.20	2.31	6.39	Swansea	2.07	7.78	2.41	7.66
Ilfracombe	1.48	7.62	2.23	7.42	Tees	11.46	4.68	–	–
King's Lynn	2.20	5.35	2.40	5.64	Wlton-on-Nze	7.52	3.71	8.08	3.67

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.58 am
Sun sets: 8.58 pm
Moon sets 3.58 pm
Moon rises 2.46 am

London 8.58 pm to 4.56 am
Bristol 9.08 pm to 5.06 am
Edinburgh 8.34 pm to 4.45 am
Manchester 9.16 pm to 4.55 am
Penzance 8.13 pm to 5.24 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY MAY 24 1995

Lloyd's offers names £2.8bn

Further heavy loss revealed for 1992

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London yesterday unveiled a £2.8 billion settlement package — its second attempt to end the mass of legal actions bought by more than 17,000 names.

The news came as the insurance market revealed losses of £1.2 billion for the 1992 year of account, pushing the total loss borne by names in the past five years to more than £8 billion.

The offer, which is expected to include most of the market's 31,000 names, is a marked increase on the earlier £900 million offer that names rejected out of hand early last year. The revised offer forms part of a radical restructuring programme and its success is critical to the survival of the 308-year old insurance market. Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group representing more than 3,000 litigating names, said Lloyd's would not survive as we know it if the offer failed.

David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, unveiling the new package yesterday said it marked a "critical juncture in the history of Lloyd's".

The £2.8 billion package has been structured to favour the hardest hit names. The offer is in two parts: £800 million in cash and £2 billion in debt credits. The credits arise as a result of Lloyd's plans to write off £2 billion of debts owed by names to the society. This will be done on a basis of who needs the most help. That is, those names that cannot pay their debts will be helped by better off names. Conversely, those names that fall into the "can pay, but won't pay" category will not benefit from the debt write-offs and will face legal action from Lloyd's and the market's agencies.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said: "There is mutualisation at the heart of this deal."

The balance of £800 million is the cash element and is being funded by the errors and omission insurers, who provided insurance cover to the managing and members' agents being sued by names for negligence. This sum may rise if other parties, such as auditors who also face legal action, join the party. Mr Middleton said as a result of the package "some names will get very significant profits while some will get very significant debt write-offs. Between those, there will be a whole spectrum of names".

The basis of distributing the £2.8 billion will be worked out over the next few months and names will hear their individual positions in October. At the same time, names will hear how much they can expect to pay to offload their old-year debts to Equitas, a new reinsurance company. Equitas will take over from names all liabilities for policies written up to the end of 1992 in return for a fee. This fee will be funded by the debt credits.

The £1.2 billion loss reported yesterday excludes £240 million that is calculated to have been counted for twice. That is, different syndicates reserve for the same liability due to uncertainty over where it will fall. The loss also excludes names' personal expenses of £222 million. The loss relates to 1992 when the insurance market was hit by the Andrew and Iniki hurricanes and the City of London IRA bombings. Mr Middleton said £836 million of the loss was due to strengthening of reserves for claims on old policies, principally asbestosis and pollution. Of this £836 million, 40 per cent fell on only seven syndicates, he said.

SIMON KREITEM



Survival plan: Lloyd's, which revealed its latest offer yesterday, is hoping to bring litigation by names to an end

Names greet new offer as victory

LLOYD'S of London's £2.8 billion settlement package was greeted as a victory for names by leading action group chairmen yesterday (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Michael Deeny, chairman of the litigating names' committee representing more than 17,000 names, said: "We welcome the proposal. We regard it as a victory for the names and an essential development for seeing a solvent future for Lloyd's." However, Mr Deeny, also chairman of the Gooda Walker action group, said that it was only a plan and that "until we get a legally binding offer the litigation will continue".

His sentiments were shared by other action group chairmen. Damon de Laszlo, chairman of the Feltrim names association, said: "We will continue our legal actions until an acceptable offer is made firm to our members. The exact terms and timing of the proposals are critical not only to our members, but also to the survival of Lloyd's."

Both the Gooda Walker action group and the Feltrim names association have successfully proved in the High Court that their names were the victims of negligent underwriting. Substantial court awards are expected as a result.

One area of the plan that angered names' action groups was the £200 million contribution from the Lloyd's members' and managing agencies. This was branded "inadequate" given the billions of pounds of profit commissions they have collected over the years. The agents also stand to earn profit commissions of £600 million from the 1993, 1994 and 1995 years of account, part of which will be collected at the end of this year as a result of Lloyd's plan to switch from three-year to one-year accounting.

Christopher Messer, chairman of Jansen Green action group, said: "With the early close of accounts these agents will get three years' profit commission in one year. My view is that their contribution should be substantially more."

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Interest strategy divides advisers

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury's panel of six independent economic forecasters is split on where interest rates should go.

Three believe that increases in base rate from the current 6.75 per cent will be needed to keep inflation within the Government's target. Andrew Britton, of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, Gavyn Davies, of Goldman Sachs, and David Currie, of the London Business School, said it was a tactical error to hold rates at the May monetary meeting.

Two others — Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research, and Wynne Godley, of Cambridge University — said that rates should be left unchanged, while Patrick Minford, of Liverpool University, said that rates should be cut. Professor Minford said that he expected rates to fall back to 4.75 per cent in 1998.

Even the three arguing for higher rates said that the Government "should proceed cautiously and in small steps when tightening monetary policy".

On fiscal policy, five argue that there is room for only modest tax cuts and that any more generous pre-election giveaway should be matched by cuts in public spending. Professor Minford said that large tax cuts would be justified because the economy has plenty of spare capacity and the underlying position of public finances was sound.

All six expect underlying inflation to stay in the target range of 1 per cent to 4 per cent, but the average of their forecasts suggests 2.9 per cent for the end of 1995 and 1996. This exceeds the 2.5 per cent upper limit that the Government is now aiming at by the end of this Parliament.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3291.8	(+7.3)
Yield	4.16%	
FT-SE A All share	1617.67	(+2.77)
Nikkei	15916.15	(+127.03)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4414.30	(+18.67)*
S&P Composite	526.06	(+2.41)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹⁵⁄₁₆%*	(6%)
Long Bond	109¹³⁄₃₂	(108²⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.88%*	(6.92%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¹⁵⁄₁₆%	(6⅝%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106¹⁄₁₆	(106¹⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5565*	(1.5740)
London:		
$	1.5565	(1.5729)
DM	2.2653	(2.2655)
FFr	8.0410	(8.0260)
SFr	1.8853	(1.8870)
Yen	136.85	(137.63)
£ Index	84.8	(85.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4460*	(1.4407)
FFr	5.1332*	(5.1110)
SFr	1.2045*	(1.1995)
Yen	87.36*	(87.35)
$ Index	90.1	(90.4)

Tokyo close Yen 87.31

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $18.10 ($18.15)

GOLD

London close..... $382.45 ($382.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Thorn option

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of Thorn EMI, accompanied higher pre-exceptional full-year profits with an admission that the company will consider the option of separating the three businesses that comprise the music to rentals group.

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Jobs worry

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says that unemployment is likely to remain high in major industrialised countries in spite of a rise in employment.

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Rowland v Lonrho is cancelled

TINY ROWLAND, who vowed to sue after being ousted as a Lonrho director in a boardroom coup on March 2 and fired as an employee, has withdrawn all legal action (Colin Campbell writes).

In a statement issued by Cameron Markby Hewitt, the solicitor, Mr Rowland said that he has withdrawn his action against Dieter Bock, Lonrho's chief executive, and Lonrho. "I'm buggered if I'm going to spend the summer suing Bock," he said.

His action against Mr Bock was to enforce an agreement for cancellation of put and call options over his Lonrho shares. Mr Rowland said the case had lost commercial value since the court timetable would leave it unresolved until the options fall due for exercise.

GEC and British Aerospace free to renew bids for VSEL

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GEC and British Aerospace have been cleared to renew their bids for VSEL, the Barrow shipbuilder. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, overruled a majority report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that said a GEC takeover would be against the public interest.

Instead, Mr Heseltine endorsed a dissenting report by two members of the six-man MMC inquiry, Professor Patrick Minford, the Liverpool economist, and Sir Archibald Forster, a former chairman of Esso.

They concluded that a GEC takeover would make no difference to competition because there was insufficient work available from the Ministry of Defence to support both VSEL and GEC's own Yarrow Shipbuilders' yard on the Clyde. The Ministry of Defence agreed. Rationalisation would ultimately allow savings of £34 million, the report said.

Mr Heseltine's decision, after a four-month inquiry, clears the way for further consolidation of the United Kingdom's defence industry.

BAe, Britain's biggest defence company, offered £570 million for VSEL last year in a drive to extend the scope of its activities as a prime contractor to the Ministry of Defence. GEC, BAe's chief rival, bid £532 million before Mr Heseltine intervened.

GEC last night welcomed Mr Heseltine's "decision that financial market forces should not be prevented from taking their course in this case".

British Aerospace said that it was evaluating its position with respect to any new bid for VSEL. Both are keen to see figures from VSEL, which is expected today to announce pre-tax profits of £64 million for the year to March 31, together with a rise in net cash to about £400 million.

In a statement to Parliament, Mr Heseltine said that he had to give particular weight to the views of the Ministry of Defence as the customer. He had concluded that "the public interest would be best served by allowing the market to determine the future ownership of VSEL and hence the industrial structure best adapted to meet the UK's forseeable naval defence needs".

Cutbacks in warship purchases since the end of the Cold War have already forced the closure of Swan Hunter on Tyneside and VSEL's Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside. Because the Vosper Thornycroft yard at Southampton has secured a five-year order book for MoD and export work, the battle for future orders is concentrated at Yarrow and Barrow.

Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, has promised to keep Yarrow open for seven years if he wins control of VSEL. Although a GEC-led consortium is bidding against VSEL for the £2.5 billion contract to supply five Trafalgar nuclear-powered submarines, the Ministry of Defence said that a GEC takeover might make it easier to combine the best features of both offers.

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M&S figures fail to impress City



Greenbury: robust defence

BY CARL MORTISHED

SIR Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, gave a robust defence of the retailer's performance as the City marked down M&S shares over a disappointing profits outcome and weaker second-half sales figures.

A tough trading environment, particularly in menswear and home furnishings, combined with a late Easter that fell after the financial period, contributed an 8.5 per cent profits rise to £924 million, some £20 million adrift of City forecasts.

Sir Richard said that growth should be compared over two years because of the 53rd week in the previous year. On a two-year view, profits grew 25 per cent, he said with a 27 per cent increase in the dividend to 10.3p. "Shareholders will be more concerned when the shares are marked down 10p because WH Smith gives a profit warning," he said. Sir Richard described the clothing performance which grew 6.2 per cent on a comparable basis as oustanding and indicated that M&S was taking market share when the figure was compared with 4 per cent growth in the market. In food, M&S is maintaining its market share with sales growth of 4.9 per cent on a 52-week comparison.

He described the trading environment as tough: "The days when it was easy to make profits are over," he said.

"Today's consumer wants everything, not just price or value for money," he explained. "They want the right product in the right colour."

Home furnishings suffered from the poor housing market, showing marginal sales growth in the year to March 31, but Sir Richard said the company would not chase sales. He said Sunday trading had produced no improvement in profits, the extra revenue being generated at the expense of trading in the rest of the week and the cost of double-time payments to staff.

Brooks Brothers, the upmarket US menswear retailer, suffered a sharp setback. Profits fell from £14.8 million to £5.9 million. Sir Richard blamed the result on a failure to respond to fashion. "I understand it is acceptable now on Wall Street to go to the office in a blazer and jeans on Friday. We didn't pick up on that." A new chief executive has been appointed at Brooks Brothers and cuts of 20 per cent in head office manning have been made.

Financial services, including interest, contributed £48.9 million to profits, up 18 per cent. The company said M&S Card accounts now totalled 3.4 million.

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Ministers to form defence industry strategy

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE Government is to formulate a national industrial and technology strategy to ensure the preservation and development of Britain's military capability.

Work has begun at the Ministry of Defence to identify key military technologies, and the Department of Trade and Industry is studying the importance of defence manufacturing to the United Kingdom economy.

The studies are a clear recognition that, in a world of falling defence budgets and ever more expensive weapons, Britain can no longer afford to remain at the forefront in every area of defence technology. In the past, Britain has retained a short, secret list of "essential technologies".

Details of the work to develop a new, explicit strategy were revealed by Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister, yesterday to a cross-party Commons inquiry into procurement policy. The findings will be reported to Parliament in the autumn, he told members of the joint inquiry by the Commons Select Committees on Defence and Trade and Industry.

Although the Government remained committed to securing value for money through competition, the MoD's responsibility for the defence industrial base now implied "a more systematic examination of the technologies and industrial capabilities we ought to sustain, either nationally, or to allow us to collaborate with others". Mr Freeman told the inquiry.

The review would "ensure key defence industrial interests are taken into account as an integral part of our defence procurement process".

Mr Freeman's statement made plain that the shift, begun last autumn, from a hands-off procurement policy has much further to go. "We need a much improved working relationship between the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Trade and Industry, and the UK defence industry," he said. "We need to share more of our forward plans with industry."

The minister's comments will delight industrialists who have complained that the Government, by ignoring the industrial consequences of its decisions on weapons purchases, is seriously weakening Britain's ability to produce the weapons needed by the armed services. France and the United States, the chief rivals of the British defence industry, have long pursued national defence technology plans.

To begin the healing process, Mr Freeman said that the MoD planned a seminar in July for chief executives of UK defence businesses "to explain our defence technology strategy over the next ten years and to identify opportunities for collaboration".

OECD says high rates of joblessness will persist

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

UNEMPLOYMENT is likely to remain high in major industrialised countries, and especially in Europe, in spite of a rise in employment — though fears about a jobless recovery have proved unfounded, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said last night.

But the OECD gave warning of the impact on jobs of "high" statutory minimum wages, a move that will be welcomed by the UK Government.

In its latest jobs study, the OECD — the West's leading economic think-tank, covering the developed world's 25 major economies — said yesterday that although unemployment is now edging down from its peak, policymakers will still have to "confront a major problem of high and persistent unemployment".

The jobs study, released as ministers from the major economies held their annual two-day OECD meeting, acknowledged that economic recovery, though now "close to maturity" in countries which were in its vanguard, has led to an increase in employment of about 1.5 per cent a year across OECD countries.

Jean-Claude Paye, OECD Secretary-General, said: "The fears, which were expressed about a 'jobless recovery' have proved largely unfounded", though he said that employment growth to date is not as strong as in past recoveries.

While unemployment overall was now falling from around 34 million, or 8 per cent of the OECD states, total labour force, the OECD said that "unemployment looks set to remain high even when the cyclical recovery is complete". It forecast that by the end of the decade unemployment will fall only to about 7 per cent — higher than its pre-recession level in 1990.

The proportion of people out of work in Europe by the year 2000 "may still be close to 9 per cent", the organisation said. Unemployment is therefore still continuing to ratchet up from cycle to cycle.

The OECD's first jobs study last year put forward a broad programme of action to deal with unemployment. It sets out further recommendations this time, including a reduction in unemployment and welfare-related benefits where they are seen to be too generous, an increase in net incomes in work through changes in taxes and benefits and a further move towards active labour market policies.

British ministers will welcome the OECD's caution over a national minimum wage. The OECD said: "High statutory minimum wages, especially when combined with high non-wage labour costs, can make it very difficult for youths and other low-skilled workers to price themselves into the labour market."

Japanese profits suffer

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

WITH the US-Japan trade dispute set to escalate against the background of the strong yen, Japanese companies yesterday reported damage to profits while forecasting worse to come.

Toyota, the carmaker, said that its parent company profit in the nine months to the March 31 was Y236.21 billion (£1.71 billion) on rebased figures, compared with Y214.03 billion for the 12 months to last June. It said that it expected no further improvement in the current business year, particularly if America imposed the sanctions on luxury car imports from Japan.

The forecast profit for the year to next March is Y200 billion, without allowing for damage from US sanctions.

Suzuki, the leading Japanese minicar maker, forecast that its operating profit for the year to next March would drop to Y18 billion, from Y30.8 billion for the last financial year.

Pioneer Electronic, the audio equipment maker, said group pre-tax profit slumped 71 per cent in the year to March to Y2.8 billion.

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Full speed ahead: Sam Newington, chairman of Fairline Boats, said the order book is 18 per cent ahead year-on-year, reflecting an improvement in market conditions. In the half-year to March 31, taxable profits rose to £512,000 from £350,000. Earnings were 9.8p (6.74p) and the interim dividend is 6.5p, from 5p

Extra 12,000 'face eviction'

By Robert Miller

UP TO 12,000 more people face having their homes repossessed in the first full year after the Government cuts income support payments in October, according to private estimates circulating in the £350 billion mortgage industry. At present, some 1,000 homes are taken into possession by lenders every week.

At a meeting tomorrow between Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, and the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the CML will press the minister to scrap his plans to introduce the income support cuts. The CML will argue that the level of repossessions will rise after the cuts and that to make new borrowers who are subsequently made redundant or become too ill to work wait for up to nine months before receiving state assistance will be a severe blow to an already depressed housing market.

The CML will argue that the £200 million of savings that the Department of Social Security hopes to make through its cuts will be more than swallowed up in other areas of the social housing budget.

The DSS, however, insists that the private insurance sector will fill the gap with mortgage protection policies. A DSS spokesman said that, at tomorrow's meeting, the department "will be looking to see how far those involved in the mortgage protection market have progressed in developing these policies".

Nick Raynsford, Labour's housing spokesman, said: "There is no foundation for the Government's belief that the private sector will come to the rescue, as the Department of the Environment's own report showed last week. This pointed out that a very high proportion of homeowners in difficulty would not be helped when they fall into difficulties even if they have such policies. The DSS must wake up to the fact that there is almost universal condemnation of their proposals to take away the state safety net when people are at their most vunerable."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

King & Shaxson in talks over APS bid

KING & SHAXSON, the stockbroking and discount house, confirmed that it is in discussion with Allied Provincial Securities (APS), the retail stockbroking firm, with a view to making an outright bid for APS. If the deal goes ahead it would make King & Shaxson one of the largest firms of retail stockbrokers, with the added bonus of strengthening its presence in the corporate broking market.

King & Shaxson last year acquired Greig Middleton using a staggered new share issue to fund the purchase. If the APS purchase goes ahead after King & Shaxson has completed due diligence, a further issue could be on the cards. City analysts believe that after the purchase of APS, which has a regional network of 19 offices, there would be a period of rationalisation leading to job losses and branch closures.

Kwik-Fit into insurance

KWIK-FIT Holdings, the car repair and parts group, is diversifying into insurance services for motorists through a joint venture with Alexander & Alexander, the insurance broker. A centre has been established in Lanarkshire to run the telephone-based service, with an initial workforce of 240. A panel of 15 insurance companies will provide underwriting capacity to cover any driver and any make of car. Kwik-Fit owns 77.5 per cent of the new venture, Alexander & Alexander 12.5 per cent and the management 10 per cent.

Jarvis Porter climbs

ACQUISITIONS helped to lift annual profits at Jarvis Porter, the specialist international label printer. In the year to February 28, the company earned £10.6 million pre-tax (£6.8 million). There was a contribution of £3.3 million from newly acquired businesses, comprising NGG in The Netherlands and Donprint International. There is a final dividend of 4.1p a share, which is due on July 28, making 6p for the year, lifted from 5.2p. Earnings improved to 18.1p a share from 14.1p. The shares rose 4p to 271p yesterday.

Hughes edges ahead

PROFITS at TJ Hughes, the discount department store operator based in the North West, were £1.62 million before tax in the year to January 28, against £1.60 million previously, in spite of an 11 per cent rise in sales to £48.5 million, from £43.5 million. The company said that profits were held back by higher than expected stock shrinkage, at a cost of £250,000. A final dividend of 1.8p a share, due on July 21, lifts the total to 2.65p from 2.5p, payable from earnings of 5.43p a share (5.45p last time).

Tunstall raises interim

TUNSTALL GROUP, which supplies emergency communications systems, said trading prospects continued to improve in the second half. The company has increased the interim dividend to 1.49p a share, from 1.35p, after achieving an 11.2 per cent rise in operating profits to £3.6 million, from £3.2 million, in the six months to March 31. At the pre-tax level, profits were £5.03 million, which included a £1.5 million credit arising from a successful claim against Anchor Line. Actual earnings were 11.5p a share, compared with 7p last time.

Record for Sanderson

SANDERSON ELECTRONICS, the supplier of computer application software and hardware products, earned record pre-tax profits of £2.8 million in the half year to March 31 (£2.17 million). Earnings rose to 4.6p a share (4p) and the interim dividend is 1.8p (1.5p), due on July 3. Turnover improved to £27.1 million (£14.2 million), with annual recurring revenues from software licence fees and service and support contracts providing £9 million. Sanderson Pacific, the 80 per cent-owned US subsidiary, contributed £578,000 to operating profits.

McLeod Russel to sell

McLEOD RUSSEL HOLDINGS, the specialist industrial group, proposes to sell its property trading and investment activities, which had a total net book value of £8.6 million at March 31. Funds raised will be used to finance the growth of the company's coatings and air filtration businesses. McLeod is pegging the interim dividend for the six months to March 31 at 2.75p a share in spite of an increase in profits to £2.86 million before tax from £2.1 million. Earnings were 3.7p a share (2.81p). The shares rose 2p to 140p.

Clinton likely to back cash for Ulster



Gudgin: peace dividend

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

BUSINESSMEN from both sides of the Irish border and from across America have descended on Washington for President Clinton's Irish American investment conference which opens today.

President Clinton is expected to announce his support for a multimillion-pound scheme for research and development projects for Ireland when he delivers a keynote address tomorrow. A series of other announcements are likely by investors in areas from retail to tourism.

The conference, which comes nine months into the IRA ceasefire, is designed to underpin the Northern Ireland peace process by channelling the unprecedented interest in the Province into investment projects. Mr Clinton said this week that the creation of jobs was a crucial factor in securing a lasting peace. In an interview with *Omnibus*, the Northern Ireland Office magazine, he said: "Jobs will help alleviate the conditions which have bred violence and despair in the past."

Northern Ireland has traditionally lagged behind the rest of the United Kingdom and is dependent on a massive subvention of more than £3 billion a year, but is currently enjoying a strong economic upturn. Unemployment has fallen to 11.8 per cent, the lowest level since 1981; manufacturing output rose nearly 7 per cent last year; and Northern Ireland's exports are growing at a faster rate than the UK average.

The optimistic outlook was underlined yesterday when Marks & Spencer announced that the food hall in its flagship store in Northern Ireland, at Sprucefield on the edge of Belfast, outperformed all other UK branches last year. Sainsbury is expected to open eight stores in the Province, and 20 retailers are competing for six remaining outlets at Ireland's biggest shopping mall which is due to open this year in Londonderry. There have also been a series of recent job announcements in the Province ranging from high-tech South Korean companies to textile firms.

Much of the groundwork which led to the upbeat figures was laid before the IRA and loyalist ceasefires. However, Dr Graham Gudgin, of the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre, believes there are now early signs of the much-vaunted peace dividend. The Industrial Development Board, which attracts investors with generous grants has reported a 30 per cent increase in first-time visits by companies since the ceasefires.

HK currency peg to stay

HONG KONG will adhere to its monetary arrangements, which link the local dollar to the US currency at a fixed rate, after 1997, when the British colony reverts to Chinese sovereignty, Donald Tsang, Financial Secretary-designate, said in London yesterday (Colin Narbrough writes).

He said the system had given Hong Kong a stability that was vital to preserve, and that China fully appreciated the importance of that stability to Hong Kong's economic future. Furthermore, the Hong Kong dollar was now widely used as a parallel currency in southern China, involving up to a quarter of the total amount of Hong Kong dollars in issue.

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☐ Consolidation the only target for weapons industry ☐ Lottery profits a good bet ☐ No truce among economists

Defence of the Realm

☐ BRITAIN'S defence procurement policy has reached a turning point.

During the past decade, the fierce imposition of real competition on the bloated defence sector by the hard-bitten Sir Peter Levene has wrought a remarkable tranformation.

The switch from cosy cost-plus contracts has driven many companies out of business, or out of the sector. Consolidation and specialisation have reduced the number vying for orders.

The more recent policy of appointing a private sector prime contractor to oversee even the largest programmes has increased the need for large, well-funded groups with strong project management skills.

Rival offers for VSEL, the Barrow warship builder, by British Aerospace and GEC were a logical market response to those pressures.

In its reports on the suitability of either to own VSEL, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has charted the forces at work and the limits to a competitive policy.

As the Ministry of Defence acknowledges in its evidence, Britain now has only one supplier for many pieces of equipment. Some programmes — at first for new aircraft and now for new frigates — have become so expensive that Britain finds collaboration with other nations necessary to achieve economies of scale.

Defence manufacturers have been increasingly alarmed that unless the industrial implications of major orders are thought through, Britain will fast lose the capacity to make weapons to defend itself.

The MMC inquiry has allowed the MoD to state publicly exactly where it believes its interests now lie. Its evidence says that competition has enabled Britain to develop the most cost-competitive warship industry in the world.

The ministry believes that its monopolistic purchasing power can guarantee value for money for the taxpayer. But: "It was increasingly hard to justify the additional costs and overheads associated with the maintenance of competition, given that for the foreseeable future the small and reducing UK naval programme would not be capable of providing an adequate loading for the capacity that currently existed."

The way is now clear for substantial consolidation among other areas of defence manufacturing where there is surplus capacity and companies have inadequate capital resources to act as prime contractors on modern defence projects, such as armoured vehicles and missile systems.

Heseltine's decision should be seen, however, to clear the way for a combination of GEC and British Aerospace. The MoD's main concern should now be to ensure a choice of well-capitalised prime contactors for any large programme.

A GEC-BAe merger would simply force the MoD to search for other prime contractors, if necessary from overseas.

Fishing for sardines in Camelot's wake

☐ THE CABINET courted trouble when, needlessly and eccentrically, it created the National Lottery as a new statutory private monopoly. The skills of Camelot, the chosen licensee, seemed to justify that choice. In its own terms, the lottery has been a terrific success, taking more than £100 million a week



and creating jackpot prizes several times the £2 million its promoters envisaged. But the set-up has made government and regulator vulnerable to critics of anything remotely fishy.

To coin a gallicism, when the seagulls follow the trawler, it is because they expect sardines to be thrown into the sea. The high catches made by HMS Lottery, no longer of interest in themselves, are focusing attention on the rising flow of sardines appearing in its wake. Bickering among winners, suicide of a loser and the Churchill letters purchase fill the human interest slot. Social concern is aroused by the fall in charitable giving and exclusion of medical charities from first round disbursements.

In the daily business news, any consumer company feeling the pinch, from football pools to cinemas, can blame the lottery for netting consumer spending.

Impending publication of Camelot's first financial results, including directors' pay, will see it graduate to the fashionable "greedy private utility" sector. Public response has been far greater than prospectuses of would-be licensees projected, or than Oflot therefore assumed. Most members of the consortium, except Cadbury-Schweppes, might have been content to profit most from supply contracts. Instead, the higher percentage take in the early period will allow Camelot to show a profit from the start and recoup its £100 million plus investment in double-quick time.

Unless lottery fever abates, Camelot will prove an outstanding investment and cash flow in later years will be embarrassingly rich. But the political furore is unlikely to die down and the Government and regulator will find it difficult to ignore calls for action. Contracting the lottery out shifted risk to the private sector. Success is bringing high rewards to Camelot. Critics should ponder if they would have preferred failure.

The wise men turn tribal

☐ THE wise men have never been less than honourable and committed to their task of advising the Government on policy since they burst on the scene in late 1992 amid the wreckage of sterling's ERM misadventure.

But yesterday's report from the six added little to the current economic debate for a reason that was clear on the day the panel was formed. Representatives from the Friedmanite and Keynesian ends of the economic spectrum were chosen for ideological fairness while stalwarts of the often institutional middle ground were supposed to give the group ballast.

That was fine for an airing of a wide range of views. For coherent advice to the Government, it was pretty useless. It has suited successive Chancellors well.

The trouble — and this applies to most economists — is that economics is tribal. There are inflation hawks and inflation doves and they are always biased towards their own instincts. There are those exclusively wedded to the runes of money supply who are convinced that nothing else matters that much. Others have always felt queasy about pure monetarism and now regard it as dangerous hokum.

Patrick Minford and Tim Congdon have, from day one, been more inclined towards lower interest rates than the others because, since the panel was formed, financial and money indicators of the economy have been weak. It has been that type of recovery. Wynne Godley has joined them from a totally different angle, arguing for lower rates on the grounds that whatever growth there is in the economy, it is not enough. Call them the Cavaliers.

Two others — Andrew Britton and David Currie — represent establishment, middle-of-the-road forecasting institutions which rarely stick their necks out but have an ingrained queasiness about inflation. Gavyn Davies, whether he likes it or not, is also part of the establishment. Call them the Roundheads. As history shows, the ideological divide between the Cavaliers and Roundheads was too wide for them to reach any meaningful truce.

Thorn shares advance as investors scent break-up

By Martin Waller

SHARES in Thorn EMI, the music to rentals group that has been one of the strongest stock market performers in recent months, were on an upward track again yesterday after investors scented a lucrative break-up of the group.

Thorn, reporting full-year figures, suggested to the market that a demerger might again be on the cards, an idea sufficient to reverse an earlier slide in the shares, which ended up 10p at £12.20p.

Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn chairman, said the company would no doubt look at the option of separating the three businesses that comprise the group this year to see if this could increase shareholder value. But he added: "There's no demerger on the agenda." Such an exercise would, in any event, take well over a year to organise, he said.

Thorn's figures for the year to March 31 were a little ahead of City expectations, but they were affected by one-off items. The group implied some slackening in the rate of dividend rises. On a pre-tax basis ahead of exceptional items, Thorn reported £423.6 million, a 23 per cent rise on the figure of £344.2 million reported last year, but a total of £152.5 million of one-offs dragged the reported figure back to £271.1 million, down from a comparable £326.5 million.

The exceptional items were to cover non-core disposals and the closure of Rumbelows, the retail operation. The final dividend is up by 1.75p to 26.75p, making a total increased from 34p to 36.5p, paid out of adjusted earnings of 62.5p. Thorn's music division, bolstered by a total of 30 albums that achieved sales of more than 1 million apiece, pushed operating profits ahead from £246 million to £295 million.

The Thorn rental business, which drove return on sales ahead from 8.7 to 9.6 per cent, saw profits rise from £129 million to £152 million. The HMV retail operation jumped from £6.1 million to £14 million as recent openings came on stream and the average size of the stores increased. Now within this division is the Dillons chain of bookstores, which is expected to make a "small positive contribution" to the current year.

Thorn shares have been pushed ahead in recent weeks by speculation that the huge American Walt Disney corporation is looking to buy the music division. Sir Colin played down any suggestion of a sale. "Everybody expresses interest in that business," he said. "I have banks who tell me there's a huge interest out there — but nobody's made me a fair offer." He said that the rumours had emerged from Los Angeles music business circles.

Thorn yesterday announced five alliances in new technology and multimedia areas, including links with Virgin Interactive Entertainment, for the development of multimedia software, and a technology venture with Apple Computer, of America.

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Production problems hit Readicut

PROFITS at Readicut International, the specialist textiles company, fell to £14 million before tax last year from £20.9 million (Martin Barrow writes).

The downturn in the 12 months to the March 31 was blamed on production problems at Textile Bonding, a subsidiary of the furnishing and household textiles division, and a trading loss at Plasticisers Engineering in the yarns and fibres division. Comparable profits in the previous 12 months also benefited from a one-off profit of £3.9 million on disposals.

Difficult trading conditions and an increase in raw material costs caused a fall in operating profits to £14.97 million from £18.5 million. The total dividend stays at 2¼p a share, with an unchanged 2.81p final, due August 12. Earnings fell to 4.68p a share from 5.83p. The shares eased 2½p to 68p yesterday.

Time aims to sell off music stake

TIME WARNER, the American media conglomerate, wants to sell a 49 per cent stake in Warner Chappell, the world's largest music publisher, to reduce debt (Eric Reguly writes).

Warner Chappell, whose British office is one of the largest parts of the business, has turnover of about $500 million and estimated profits of $125 million. Its value has been estimated at $1 billion. The company owns the copyrights to music, including the Frank Sinatra catalogue, going back decades. Time Warner would not comment on the attempted sale which isone of several efforts by the conglomerate to reduce the debt taken on five years ago when Time and Warner Communications completed their $14 billion merger.

Overseas boost for North West Water

By Eric Reguly

THE international operations of North West Water will produce stronger results in the next few years after having made their first contribution to group profits in 1994-95, the company said yesterday.

Water projects in Mexico, Malaysia and Australia earned £3 million in the year to March 31. The profits would have been higher but for Mexico's peso crisis and construction delays caused by the Malaysian election. A £160 million project in Bangkok has also been delayed, which may lead to losses.

North West hopes to earn its first income from the US this year. It recently bid to operate a municipal water franchise in New Jersey for a 20-year period. Profits from the contract could reach as much as £4 million a year, Brian Staples, chief executive, said.

The company reported pre-tax profits of £284 million for the year to March 31, up 5.6 per cent from the previous year.

Earnings per share rose 8.5 per cent to 72.8p while turnover, propelled by new domestic connections, was up 9.5 per cent to £1 billion.

A final dividend of 17.2p will be paid on October 3, making the total dividend 25.55p, up 10.75 per cent. A special dividend of 3.8p will be paid at the same time.

The dividend is part of a five-year package that will hand back £180 million to shareholders and customers over the next five years.

Customers will begin to receive their annual £6.50 rebates by Giro cheque this week.

North West shares rose 5p to 583p.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



David Codling, chief executive of Hozelock, at the Chelsea Flower Show this week

Hozelock reaps rewards

By Martin Barrow

HOZELOCK GROUP, the supplier of specialist garden products, is making strong progress in continental European markets as it seeks to replicate its strong UK position.

Pre-season shipments were up 54 per cent year-on-year, helped by the establishment of a subsidiary in The Netherlands and the purchase of the company's Swedish distributor. Hozelock already has a subsidiary in France.

Yesterday the company reported a rise in taxable profits to £2.9 million from £2 million in the half-year to April 1, with earnings of 7.8p a share, up from 5.3p. The interim dividend is 2.7p, up from 2.3p.

Turnover improved to £18.4 million from £14.3 million. David Codling, chief executive, said sales of watering products advanced 30 per cent in a market that grew 28 per cent year-on-year. Sales of aquatic products, mainly for garden ponds, rose 45 per cent. In spite of substantial increases in raw material costs, net margins were maintained through a combination of volume-related efficiency gains and limited increases in selling prices.

Cash balances were £3.9 million at the end of March, with the main selling period still to come. Hozelock shares rose 8p to 319p.

US packaging group buys CMB

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

CROWN CORK & SEAL, the leading American packaging group, has signed an agreement to buy CarnaudMetalbox (CMB), the Anglo-French packaging company, to create a $10 billion-turnover world leader in the industry.

The deal, which values the London-listed CMB, at $5.2 billion, was agreed with Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations (CGIP), CMB's largest shareholder with 46 per cent of voting rights, which becomes the merged group's main shareholder.

William Avery, chairman and president of Crown, will become the new group's chairman and chief executive, while Ernest-Antoine Sellière, the CGIP chairman and supervisory board chairman of CMB, will become a director and chair the strategic committee. World headquarters will be in Philadelphia, with the European headquarters in Paris. "We will be the world's premier packaging company," Mr Avery, said.

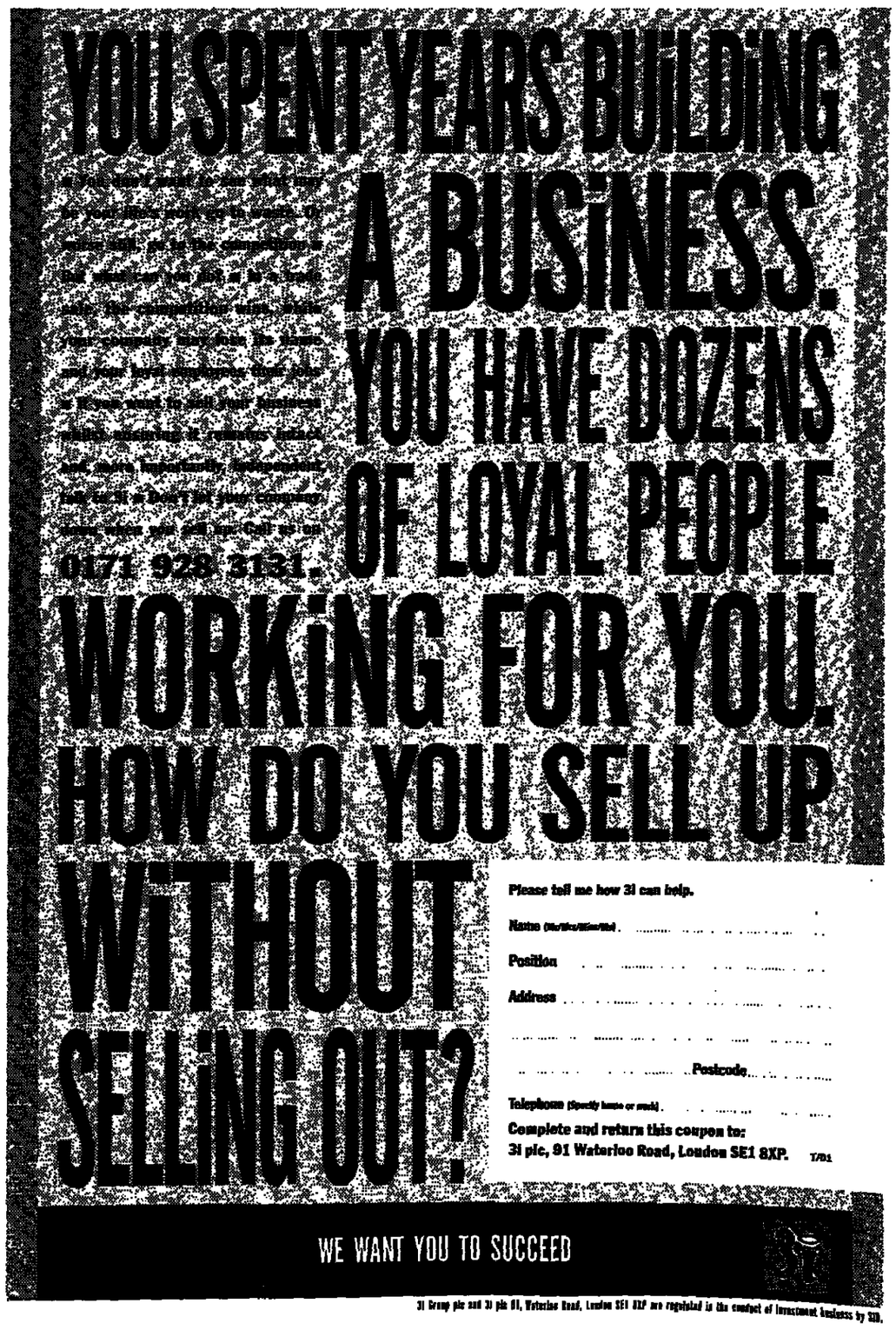
Crown, based in Philadelphia, has tradionally not paid a dividend on its common stock, but plans to alter this policy and a declare a cash dividend in the quarter after completion of the deal.

Under the definitive agreement, the merger will be implemented through a share offer in September, accompanied by a cash option, by Crown to CMB shareholders. The choice will be between a securities package, valued at total of Fr225 per share, and Fl225 in cash, representing a 20 per cent premium over the share price of May 22.

Craig Calle, the Crown treasurer, said the deal was not conditional on financing, regardless of how CMB shareholders choose to receive their compensation. Dividends are expected to start in the first quarter of next year.

Crown, with 152 plants in 42 countries, last year had a turnover of $4.5 billion. CMB, which was formed by the merger if Carnaud of France and Metalbox, the UK company, in 1989, operates 190 plants.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

TV broadcasters' shares suffer poor reception



Sir Desmond Pitcher and Brian Staples of North West Water

THE Government's proposals on media ownership received a mixed reception in the Square Mile. Shares of the independent television broadcasters fell sharply as bid hopes faded. By contrast, the buyers came rushing in for the independent radio broadcasters.

Under the proposals put forward by the Department of National Heritage, a maximum limit of 10 per cent of the total media market will be placed on any one individual or company. This would include newspapers, radio stations, and both terrestrial and satellite television. Total market share for each sector would be limited to 20 per cent.

The move came as a body blow to City speculators who had been expecting a free-for-all to develop, particularly among television companies. Worst hit was **Yorkshire-Tyne Tees**, which fell 36p to 486p as bid hopes faded. This month, **Pearson** sold its 14.8 per cent stake in YTTTV to **MAI**, which controls Meridian and Anglia in addition to owning a large slice of **SelecTV**, 1p lighter at 27½p. MAI finished 8½p down at 260p.

Other losses among the television companies included **Carlton Communications**, reporting today, 11p to 959p, **HTV**, 6p to 196p, **Scottish Television**, 26p to 454p, and **Ulster**, 22p to 811p.

But it seems the radio companies will benefit from the move, with no restrictions on the number of licences they can hold. Brokers claim that such a move will bolster profits in the years to come. **Capital Radio** climbed 16p to 442p, **Chiltern Radio** 3p to 278p, **Metro Radio** 8p to 453p, and **Scottish Radio** 9p to 273p.

Shares of newspaper publishers closed mixed. Pearson, owner of the *Financial Times*, rose 3p to 586p, **Mirror Group** fell 4p to 136p, **The Telegraph** firmed 1p to 392p, **United Newspapers**, owner of the *Daily Express*, fell 7p to 517p, **Daily Mail Trust** stood still at £14.23, with **News International** unchanged at 315p.

Elsewhere, a late burst helped share prices to close with modest gains on the day, supported by another positive opening rise on Wall Street. But prices generally traded in narrow limits for much of the day, with investors increasingly cautious about the economy before today's revised GDP data. Most fund managers take the view that the next rise in base rates may be some way off, but even government advisers admit to being split about the need for another rise. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index reversed an earlier fall of almost 8 points to end the session 7.3 higher at 3,291.8 as 662 million shares were traded.

The smell of burnt fingers wafted round the market in early trading as shares of **VSEL** touched £16.32 before bouncing to end the day 88p higher at £17.83. This followed reports that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission had recommended to block the bid from **GEC**, but allow the rival offer from **British Aerospace** to proceed.

In the event, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, overturned its decision and gave the green light to both bids. The speculators now expect a fierce battle for control of the Trident submarine manufacturer between GEC and BAe. BAe finished the session 10p lower at 537p, while GEC was 3p easier at 314½p.

Full-year figures from **Marks & Spencer**, the premier high street retailer, failed to live up to expectations, leaving the price 10½p lower at 408½p. The group also gave warning about current trading prospects describing them as "subdued and very competitive".

Such a statement from the likes of M&S was bound to have an adverse affect on the rest of the stores sector. Falls were recorded in **Allders**, 5p to 237p, **Great Universal Stores**, 16p to 584p, **House of Fraser**, 19p to 155p, **Kingfisher**, 6p to 460p, **Storehouse**, 6p to 238p, **Body Shop**, 3p to 136p, and **Boots**, 13p to 517p. **WH Smith**, which rattled the City last week with a profits warning, fell a further 5p to 337p.

Thorn EMI made little impact in the City after reporting a drop in full year pre-tax profits from £326.5 million to £271.1 million. The figure was struck after exceptional charges of £152 million, mostly relating to the closure of its Rumbelows chain of stores. Once again the company denied plans to demerge its music business. The shares rose 10p to £12.20p. Last month, it refuted claims that it was in talks with Walt Disney about selling the business for about £3 billion.

North West Water added 5p at 583p after reporting an rise in pre-tax profits. The group has already promised a special dividend payment of 3.8p for the next five years but indicated that it may extend the plans into the next century.

Shares of **CarnaudMetalbox**, the Anglo-French packaging group, soared 431¼p to £26.96⅞ after learning of a surprise bid from Crown Cork & Seal, the US group, valuing the business at £3.3 billion.

Proudfoot, the management consultancy, fell 12p to 48p after cautioning that first-half profits will be unlikely to match the figure for the corresponding period last year.

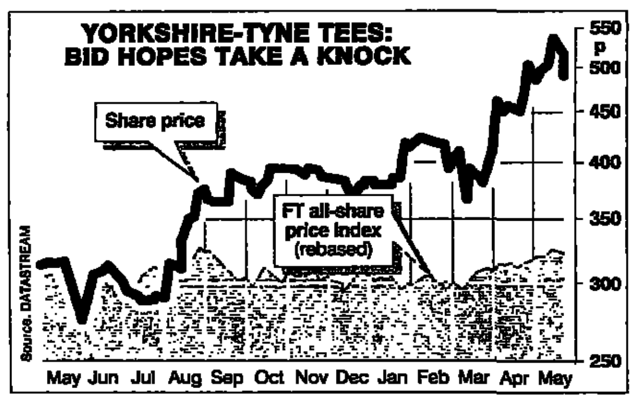
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Prices continued to edge higher in modest trading as investors continued switching out of shorts into the longer end of the market. Investors are confident that the next rise in interest rates is some way off.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt traded in a narrow band, ranging from £106⁹/₁₆ to £106¹¹/₁₆, before settling £⅛ better at £106⁹/₁₆. A total of 43,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advanced £³/₁₆ to £99¹⁵/₃₂, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 hardened £³/₃₂ to £100²¹/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares maintained their gains in early trading, buoyed by bargain-hunters who continued to see buying opportunities after last week's sell-off, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 18.67 points at 4,414.30 by midday.

Tamaris, the nursing home operator, will today announce the acquisition of three nursing homes in Scotland. The deal double the number of beds 800, with a total of 1,000 in place before the year-end. The deal is expected to cost almost £20 million, raised by a placing and open offer. The price firmed ½p to 2¼p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4414.30 (+18.67)
S&P Composite 526.06 (+2.41)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 15916.15 (+127.03)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9302.86 (+244.12)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 426.82 (+1.19)

Sydney:
AO 2034.0 (+24.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2080.35 (-2.82)

Singapore:
Straits 2181.08 (+30.69)

Brussels:
General 7636.59 (+20.44)

Paris:
CAC-40 1965.31 (-14.23)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 644.30 (-0.40)

London:
FT 30 2490.0 (-0.5)
FT 100 3291.8 (+7.3)
FT-SE Mid 250 3605.7 (+1.1)
FT-SE-A 350 1635.0 (+2.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1352.69 (-4.97)
FT A All-Share 1617.67 (+2.77)
FT Non Financials 1739.10 (+1.97)
FT Fixed Interest 112.83 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs 93.64 (+0.15)
Bargains 24577
SEAQ Volume 671.9m
USM (Datastrm) 154.44 (-0.02)
US$ 1.5710 (+0.0033)
German Mark 2.2575 (-0.0121)
Exchange Index 84.8 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2152
£:SDR 1.0227
RPI 149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	725	+1
Dumyat IT An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Mth Div	105	...
Edinburgh Japan Tst C	101	...
Finsbury World Tst	102	...
General Cable (190)	173	-5
Gus Carter (80)	95	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc	97	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc Wts	31	...
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Intl (125)	135	...
Schroder Inc Gth Fund	106	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	27	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Prime People n/p (4)	2	...
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¼	...
Scott & New 95 n/p (475)	29½	+ ½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

HSBC	814p (+6p)
King Shaxson	114p (+9p)
Royal Bank Scot	398p (+6p)
Young 'A'	468p (+10p)
Andrews Sykes	183p (+10p)
Eve Group	225p (+15p)
J Halstead	333p (+7p)
Hozelock	319p (+8p)
Broken Hill	823p (+9p)
Mitel	333p (+7p)
Psion	362p (+10p)
Telspec	475p (+12p)
Chubb Sec	336p (+7p)
LBMS	202p (+9p)
Macro 4	450p (+7p)
Sage Group	955p (+15p)
C Salvesen	266p (+6p)

FALLS:

Barratt Devs	182p (-7p)
Wimpey G	122p (-7p)
Polypipe	155p (-13p)
Redland	450p (-12p)
Br Aerospace	537p (-10p)
GUS	584p (-16p)
TJ Hughes	74p (-6p)
WH Smith	336p (-6p)
Storehouse	238p (-6p)

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TEMPUS

Pressure Marks

THE unassailable Marks and Spencer was grumbling yesterday that bearish noises from other, less successful retailers, were hurting its share price. If a profit warning from a chain of newsagents is enough to cut share prices across the retail sector, M&S cannot afford to be arrogant. Consumer spending is down and, as Sir Richard Greenbury pointed out yesterday, shoppers are choosy. Whatever the St Michael brand guarantees, it is not customer loyalty.

M&S strove to dismiss the apparently weak sales figures, skewed by the late Easter, as a quirk of the calendar but the results show that shoppers fled the high street in the second half, with the rate of growth in clothing and footwear more than halved on the company's adjusted figures. Of particular concern is home furnishings, where sales fell in real terms and M&S will need to reinvent its strategy to keep sales up in a housing market showing nil or negative growth. Profits growth of £70 million in such a climate is no mean achievement but the pressure will not ease on M&S as suppliers — impatient after years of recession — demand some relief. Overseas, the outlook is improving after a decision to sacrifice some margin to boost volumes and the company is finally taking action to turn around its disastrous investment in Brooks Brothers.

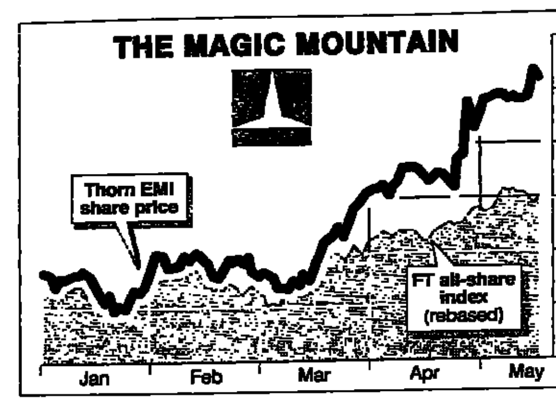
M&S will share in any pick-up in consumer spending this autumn from recovery and any government handouts but the bigger question is whether M&S margins have peaked in the UK. Suppliers will resist further pain and Sir Richard's defence of staff numbers suggest there is little scope there. With consumers unlikely to fork out more, shareholders may have to settle for slower growth.

Thorn EMI

SIR Colin Southgate was back in familiar territory yesterday, wearily talking down suggestions of an imminent demerger of Thorn EMI while refusing to rule out such a move entirely. The latest impetus has come from the £1 surge in Thorn's share price since the end of last month when rumours of an approach for the music division from the Walt Disney Corporation surfaced.

The level at which Disney was said to be considering an offer, although probably below what Thorn would find acceptable, reawakened market speculation on what a stand-alone EMI would be worth. The huge back catalogue controlled by EMI is impossible to value by normal means. That would require a view to be taken of the longevity of assets that have no clear fixed life. Instead, every new deal sets a fresh benchmark on value and ratchets up the price of other catalogues.

Whether Disney will make an offer is irrelevant, therefore, although the betting must be against it. Thorn's price is on the right side of £12 and probably staying there. Sir Colin can afford not to be too generous with the dividend, and the company will head back to a cover of two times sooner rather than later, which left some analysts reining in their forecast this year even as they increased their profit figures. On an achievable £510 million before tax, the shares now sell on a hefty 17 times' earnings.



North West Water

NORTH West Water did its best to reassure shareholders that the pricing regime has left it with a large enough margin for comfort to keep the special payouts flowing for the next five years and beyond, barring regulatory or legislative intervention.

The forecast is somewhat disingenuous. Over the past five investors have understood one thing about privatised utilities: the returns are more a function of political whim than management skill. The water companies were mollycoddled to persuade investors to take them on, and last year's attempt by the regulator to rein them in left North West relatively unscathed with cost-cutting targets set by Ofwat at 1 per cent.

But the regime could change: the imminent risk is a rise in interest rates, but a change of government would be the greatest danger to investors in water stocks. Whatever the outcome of the vote, water shares will come under pressure as election day looms. The longer-term question of non-core business earnings is still unresolved with a continuing weak performance from North West's process engineering businesses. The alliance with Bechtel provides more substance to North West's overseas ambitions but international contracting is scarcely a high-margin business.

CMB

SINCE its partial merger with Wheaton fell apart last September, CarnaudMetalbox has looked keen to do a deal, but yesterday's bid by Crown Cork & Seal seems to have caught it by surprise. The driving force behind the deal is Compagnie d'Industrie de Participations, which is keen to exchange its 46 per cent stake in CMB for a 24 per cent holding in the world's largest packaging company. CMB's insistence that this is a true merger looks flimsy since William Avery, CCK's president, is becoming both chairman and chief executive of the enlarged group. CCK's bid is not particularly generous. The 20 per cent premium to market price is probably the lowest that outside investors would accept.

Apart from size, there seems little to recommend the merger. CMB is mainly European and CCK largely American, so the scope for cost-savings look limited.

But the deal is unlikely to be the last in the industry. Packaging companies are cash rich but wary of adding capacity when demand may be peaking. Multinational consumer goods companies want their suppliers to be equally international, and some British packaging companies may soon be cast in the role of predators or targets.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	946-944	Jul	1045-1043
Jul	960-958	Sep	1058-1055
Sep	980-978	Dec	1080-1075
Dec	1000-998	Mar	1090-1080
Mar	1021-1019		
May	1034-1031		Volume: 2579

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2840-2823	Jan	2835-2830
Jul	2845-2840	Mar	2845-2840
Sep	2838-2834	May	2845-2839
Nov	2843-2830		Volume: 8564

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	287.5-86.1
Spot: 380.5		May	287.7-86.1
Aug	342.0-41.5	Aug	288.2-86.5
Oct	299.0-98.0	Oct	273.7-71.1
Dec	288.0-86.6		Volume: 946

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.80	119.61	122.45
(+/-)	+2.92	-14.43	+0.42
Eng/Wales.	95.93	119.54	122.20
(+/-)	+2.96	-14.67	+0.40
(%)	+7.0	+1.0	+4.0
Scotland:	91.96	122.37	125.34
(+/-)	+1.65	-3.49	-0.92
(%)	-2.0	+20.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.40	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.10	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.70	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.55	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 210 (n/c)	O: 212 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	166 (+4)	167 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Jun	164 (+4)	165 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Jul	162 (+3)	163 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
Naphtha	199 (+2)	191 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	161.50-61.75	Sep	159.25-59.75
Jul	158.75-59.00	Oct	162.00-62.25
Aug	158.25-55.50		Vol: 24171

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.37-18.38	Oct	17.76 SLR
Aug	18.07-18.09	Nov	17.60 BID
Sep	17.82 BID		Vol: 19249

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	unq	May	unq
Jul	124.45	Sep	105.90
Sep	108.40	Nov	107.80
Nov	109.20	Jan	109.75
Jan	111.30	Mar	111.25
Volume: 300		Volume: 25	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	121.0	120.0
May	unq	147.5
Jun	-	-
		Volume: 72

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kl)

Jun 117.75-118.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2120	2110	2120
Jun 95	1980	1935	1935
Jul 95	1860	1820	1818
Oct 95	1845	1825	1825

Vol: 415 lots Open Interest. 4685 Index 2176 -15

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2736.0-2737.0	2728.0-2729.5	1118000
Lead ($/tonne)	608.00-608.50	621.00-621.50	161950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1028.0-1029.0	1055.0-1055.5	373375
Tin ($/tonne)	5960.0-5965.0	5930.0-5935.0	15400
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1791.0-1791.5	1807.5-1808.0	1060000
Nickel ($/tonne)	7585.0-7590.0	7720.0-7730.0	111318

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	35	45½	53	5½	10	16½
(*523½)	550	8½	20	26½	30	34½	41
Argyll	300	8	16½	22½	13½	16	22
(*301)	330	0½	6½	11½	37½	39½	42
ASDA	80	4	7	8½	3	4	5½
(*81½)	90	0½	3	4	9	10	11
Boots	500	20½	32	39½	11	15	22
(*516)	550	2½	10½	18	46½	47½	51½
Br Airways	390	29	34½	42½	5½	11½	16½
(*415½)	420	10	18½	27	19	26	31
BP	430	37	44½	51	3½	6½	10
(*451)	460	10	20½	27½	16½	22½	26½
Br Steel	160	16	18½	19½	2	5	6½
(*174)	180	4	7½	9½	11½	14½	16½
C & W	390	30	40	47	6	11½	15½
(*415)	420	12	23½	31	20	25	29½
CU	550	52½	61½	71½	4½	13	17½
(*593½)	600	18	31½	43	22	34½	39
ICI	750	47	57½	75½	8½	22	25½
(*781)	800	18	31	48½	29½	40½	49
Kingfishr	460	17½	30	40½	19½	26	30
(*460)	500	4½	14	23½	42½	50	53½
Land Sec	550	42	45½	51	6	9½	15
(*591)	600	7	18	23½	33	34½	39½
M & S	390	22	29	37½	5½	9½	13
(*408½)	420	6½	14	22	22½	24½	28
Nat West	500	49½	57½	68	3½	11	14½
(*541½)	550	16	27	38½	19	31½	36½
Sainsbury	420	21½	31½	39	5½	10	13½
(*432)	460	4	11	19	29	31½	34½
Shell	750	31	44½	56½	8	19	23½
(*767)	800	7	18	31	35½	45	49
Smkl Bch	460	46	54½	63	2	7	12
(*499)	500	17½	29	39½	13½	21	27
Storehse	220	20½	26	29	3	5½	7
(*238)	240	7	14	17½	10	13½	15½
Trafalgar	50	4½	7½	9½	3	5	6
(*51)	60	1	4½	6	9½	11	12
Unilever	1200	38½	74	85½	21	30½	40
(*1200)	1250	16	48½	59½	50	57	65½
Zeneca	900	56	71½	90½	11	24½	31
(*936½)	950	25½	43½	63	31½	47	53

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	360	30½	37½	42½	6	8	13
(*384½)	390	11½	20	26	18	21	22
Ladbroke	180	12	16½	20½	5½	9½	11½
(*183½)	200	3½	7½	11½	18	21	22½
Utd Bisc	300	30½	42½	48	3	5	10
(*329)	330	17	24½	30½	10	19½	22

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	41½	49½	56½	3	6½	11½
(*499)	500	12½	23½	32½	17½	22	27
Thames W	460	37½	41	44½	6½	12½	18½
(*494½)	500	10	19	24	28	32½	39

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	44½	51	60½	9	15	19
(*492)	500	19	29½	38	27	33½	37½
BTR	330	22	27	31½	5½	11	12½
(*342½)	360	7	11½	17	21	26½	28
Br Aero	495	59	71½	—	11	18½	—
(*537)	545	29½	43	—	32½	39½	—
Br Telcm	390	23	25	28	10½	14½	19½
(*402½)	420	7	11	14½	29½	32	37½
Cadbury	447	30½	—	—	5½	—	—
(*461½)	486	9½	—	—	28½	—	—
Guinness	460	29½	38	48	9½	14	18
(*473½)	500	9½	19½	28	29½	34½	38½
GEC	300	20½	22½	26	6½	10	13
(*315)	330	5	9½	12	25	27	29
Hanson	240	8½	12½	15½	7½	12	15
(*241½)	260	2½	5½	8	22½	25½	27½
LASMO	160	13	18½	22½	5	7	8½
(*166)	180	4	9½	13	16½	18	19
Lucas	180	20½	24½	27	3	7½	9½
(*195)	200	8½	13	16½	11½	17½	19½
Pilkingtn	180	7½	13	16½	6½	10	11½
(*182)	200	1½	5	8	20½	22½	23½
Prudential	330	18	34	30	10	15½	17½
(*333)	360	6	11	16½	28½	33½	34½
Redland	420	41	50½	58	5½	13	14½
(*450)	460	16½	27	35½	21	30	31½
R-Royce	180	14½	18	23	5½	9	11
(*187)	200	5	8½	13½	16	20	21½
Tesco	260	19	24½	30	4½	8	10
(*271½)	280	7½	13½	19½	13½	17½	19½
Vodafone	200	12½	19	23½	9	12	15
(*202½)	220	5	10½	15	21½	24	26½
Williams	300	33½	36½	42	1½	3½	6
(*326½)	330	12½	17	23½	11	14½	17½

FT-SE INDEX (*3290)

	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400
Calls						
Jun	163	118½	76½	44	21	8
Jul	184	144	107	77	52½	32½
Aug	194	156½	122	91½	67½	46
Sep	209½	172½	140½	112	87½	67
Dec	—	227½	—	166½	—	121
Puts						
Jun	5	10	20½	39½	68½	110
Jul	16½	26½	40½	61	87½	121
Aug	27	39	55½	75	101½	132
Sep	33	46½	65	87½	114½	145½
Dec	—	94	—	122½	—	176½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	16	27	37	7	17	20½
(*467½)	500	2½	10	18½	33½	41	43
Amstrad	200	22	26	32½	0½	4	7
(*222½)	220	7½	15½	20½	6	10½	15
Barclays	650	25½	39	53½	9	23½	30
(*662)	700	3½	16	30	39½	52	57½
Blue Circ.	300	10	20½	26½	6½	14	18½
(*302)	330	1	8½	13½	28	32	36
Br Gas	280	18	25	29½	1	4½	8
(*295½)	300	4½	12	18	8	12	17
Dixons	220	21	24½	28	1	4½	8
(*239)	240	6½	11½	16½	6½	13	16½
Forte	240	5½	14	19	6	9	11½
(*241)	260	0½	5½	10	19½	21	23
Hillsdwn	180	5	11½	15½	3½	6½	9½
(*181)	200	0	3½	7	19	19½	21½
Lonrho	140	20	22	25	0	1½	3½
(*159)	160	4½	9	13	4½	8½	10½
Sears	100	9½	12	13½	0	1½	2½
(*109½)	110	2½	5½	7½	3	5½	6
Thrn Eml	1200	33	55½	71½	12	40	50½
(*1215½)	1250	11	30½	48	38½	70	79
Tomkins	240	7½	12½	17½	5	12½	14½
(*241½)	260	1	5½	9½	19	26	27½
TSB	240	13½	19	25	3½	9	12
(*249)	260	3½	9	15½	13½	19½	22½
Wellcome	1000	57	61½	—	0	2	—
(*1056)	1050	9½	21½	—	4½	15	—

Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	38	52	60½	12	29	35
(*718½)	750	14	27	36½	38	57	62½
HSBC	800	43	66	83½	23½	42½	52
(*812½)	850	20½	42½	60	52	68½	78½
Reuter	460	31	42½	54	7	13½	19
(*480)	500	10	21½	35	26½	33½	38½

Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins.	300	29½	34½	41½	4½	10	13½
(*322)	330	10½	18	25½	16½	24	27½

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	19½	25½	30½	0½	4	7½
(*178)	180	6	13½	19½	6	12	16½

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	600	55	67	75	19½	27½	34
(*641½)	650	25½	42	50	43½	52	59

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	11	19	27½	15½	22	26
(*461½)	500	1	5½	13	50	52	53
Scot Pwr	330	10	18	23	6½	18	20
(*332½)	360	1	6½	11½	28	39	40

May 23, 1995 Tot: 26662 Calls: 12335 Puts: 14327 FT-SE Calls: 5613 Puts: 7314
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3312.0	3313.0	3278.0	3306.0	10652
Previous open interest: 75359	Sep 95	3306.0	3327.0	3306.0	3328.0	1175
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3640.0	3640.0	3630.0	3630.0	28
Previous open interest: 4032	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.15	93.15	93.13	93.14	6578
Previous open interest: 412642	Sep 95	92.78	92.78	92.74	92.77	10338
	Dec 95	92.52	92.53	92.48	92.51	6060
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.89	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.00	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.50	95.51	95.49	95.50	10312
Previous open interest: 661591	Sep 95	95.50	95.50	95.46	95.48	16784
Long Gilt	Jun 95	106-16	106-22	106-10	106-18	43981
Previous open interest: 113334	Sep 95	106-03	106-07	105-29	106-04	3984
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	118.73	118.95	118.70	118.95	805
	Sep 95	117.75	117.99	117.74	117.98	3298
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	94.42	94.59	94.32	94.52	106732
Previous open interest: 205251	Sep 95	93.86	94.00	93.82	93.94	4959
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.83	93.83	93.77	93.78	1370
Previous open interest: 20353	Sep 95	93.83	93.83	93.79	93.79	377
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.61	96.65	96.59	96.64	3177
Previous open interest: 39261	Sep 95	96.55	96.65	96.55	96.63	4618
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.65	100.74	99.85	100.09	44191
Previous open interest: 46352	Sep 95	100.00	100.10	99.44	99.53	667

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6-5¹⁵/₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⁹/₁₆-6⁷/₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵/₁₆-6¹³/₁₆	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵/₁₆-6¹³/₁₆	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 6¾, close 5.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6¾	6⅞	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¹¹/₁₆-6⅝	6¹³/₁₆-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	6.01	n/a	6.03	6.07	6.11
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵/₁₆-6⅞	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6⅛-5¹⁵/₁₆	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-5⅞	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark:	4½-4⅜	4½-4⅜	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	5-4
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7½-7¼	6¹³/₁₆-6¹¹/₁₆	7½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅛
Yen:	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1½-⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.50-382.00 Close: $382.20-382.70 High: $382.20-382.70 Low: $381.30-381.80 AM: $381.85 PM: $382.00

Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $428.50 (£273.10) Silver: $5.33 (£3.395) Palladium: $157.10 (£100.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5232-2.5361	2.5318-2.5352	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Brussels	46.34-46.64	46.50-46.61	10-5pr	24-16pr
Copenhagen	8.8080-8.8640	8.8480-8.8630	⅛-⅝ds	⅛-⅞ds
Dublin	0.9787-0.9835	0.9790-0.9816	1ds-4pr	par-5ds
Frankfurt	2.2539-2.2670	2.2637-2.2669	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	236.90-238.60	237.89-238.52	58-93ds	169-222ds
Madrid	197.70-198.80	198.45-198.75	51-59ds	144-159ds
Milan	2658.00-2671.50	2658.70-2668.30	9-11ds	25-28ds
Montreal	2.1366-2.1547	2.1366-2.1396	0.22-0.32ds	0.32-0.45ds
New York	1.5660-1.5748	1.5660-1.5670	0.03-0.01pr	0.19-0.15pr
Oslo	10.0350-10.1025	10.0860-10.1020	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-¾pr
Paris	8.0090-8.0485	8.0340-8.0480	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅛-1⅞ds
Stockholm	11.5830-11.6450	11.6150-11.6400	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-7ds
Tokyo	136.70-137.60	136.72-136.98	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	15.75-15.97	15.78-15.82	3⅛-2pr	8⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8738-1.8870	1.8838-1.8867	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3914-1.3923
Austria	10.08-10.09
Belgium (Com)	29.48-29.49
Canada	1.3668-1.3673
Denmark	5.6130-5.6180
France	5.1042-5.1057
Germany	1.4360-1.4365
Hong Kong	7.7345-7.7355
Ireland	1.5962-1.5997
Italy	1695.00-1697.00
Japan	87.04-87.09
Malaysia	2.4602-2.4612
Netherlands	1.6077-1.6082
Norway	6.4020-6.4070
Portugal	150.98-151.10
Singapore	1.3920-1.3930
Spain	126.02-126.07
Sweden	7.3840-7.3915
Switzerland	1.1935-1.1940

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5675-1.5701
Australia dollar	2.1811-2.1840
Bahrain dinar	0.587-0.599
Brazil real*	1.3919-1.3960
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.706-0.716
Finland markka	6.860-6.976
Greece drachma	362.00-369.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.1261-12.1355
India rupee	48.95-49.91
Indonesia rupiah	3471.00-3536.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	3.8576-3.8616
New Zealand dollar	2.3719-2.3752
Pakistan rupee	48.39 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.840-5.966
Singapore dollar	2.1821-2.1850
S Africa rand (com)	5.7530-5.8550
U A E dirham	5.7175-5.8415

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	840	Legal & Gn	1,600
ASDA Gp	3,000	Lloyds Bk	1,600
Abbey Natl	1,200	MEPC	3,800
Alld Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	14,000
Argyll Gp	2,100	NatWst Bk	2,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	1,900
AB Foods	125	Nth Wst W	3,600
BAA	2,200	P & O	2,700
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	896
BOC	596	PowerGen	390
BP	4,800	Prudential	2,000
BTR	10,000	RMC	159
BT	6,100	RTZ	1,300
Bk of Scot	1,000	Rank Org	1,200
Barclays	1,000	Reckitt Col	353
Bass	1,200	Redland	2,000
Blue Circle	3,800	Reed Intl	366
Boots	4,200	Rentokil	356
Bowater	981	Reuters	3,600
Brit Aero	6,200	Rolls Royce	4,000
Brit Airwys	7,400	Ryl Ins	653
Brit Gas	7,300	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900
Brit Steel	4,800	Sainsbury	840
Burmah Cstl	417	Schroders	344
Cable Wire	3,900	Scot & New	1,200
Cadbury	3,100	Scot Power	1,300
Caradon	1,500	Sears	6,300
Carlton Cms	2,300	Svrn Trent	507
Cm Union	2,500	Shell Trans	3,600
Courtaulds	2,100	Siebe	1,600
De La Rue	378	SmKl Bch	3,000
Eastern Elec	65	Smith Nph	1,400
Enterpr Oil	560	Sthern Elec	385
Forte	1,100	Std Chartd	5,300
GKN	1,100	Sun Allnce	342
GRE	1,000	TI Gp	943
GUS	1,800	TSB	522
Gen Acc	1,400	Tate & Lyle	813
Gen Elec	8,800	Tesco	3,300
Glaxo Well	4,700	Thames W	2,400
Granada	1,700	Thrn EMI	2,300
Grand Met	2,600	Tomkins	2,600
Guinness	2,600	Unilever	828
HSBC	4,900	Utd Bisc	1,400
Hanson	3,600	Vodafone	5,200
ICI	2,200	Warburg	1,100
Inchcape	652	Whitbread	584
Kingfisher	3,200	Wlms Hld	740
Ladbroke	3,100	Wolseley	1,000
Land Secs	1,100	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	May 23 midday	May 22 close
AMP Inc	42¼	42¼
AMR Corp	68¼	68¼
AT & T	50¾	50¾
Abbott Labs	38¾	38¾
Advanced Micro	35¼	34¼
Aetna Life	60¼	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	23	22¾
Air Prod & Chem	52	51¼
Albertson's	28¼	27¾
Alcan Aluminm	29¼	28¾
Alco Standard	69¾	69¾
Allied Signal	40¾	39¾
Alum Co of Am	48¼	47¼
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5¼
Amerada Hess	50¼	50¾
Amer Brands	40¾	40¾
Amer El Power	32¼	32¼
Amer Express	35¼	35
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	33¾
Amer Home Pr	74¼	74¾
Amer Intl	114¼	112
Amer Stores	25¼	25¼
Ameritech	43¾	43¾
Amoco	67¼	67¼
Anheuser-Busch	58¾	58¾
Apple Computer	44	44¼
Archer Daniels	18¼	18¼
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	50¾	50¾
Asarco	28¼	27¼
Ashland Oil	37	36¾
Atl Richfield	114¼	113¼
Auto Data Pro	61¼	61¼
Avery Dennison	42¼	42¼
Avon Products	64¼	64¼
Baker Hughes	22¼	22¼
Baltim Gas & El	24¼	24¼
Banc One	33¼	32¼
BankAmerica	51	50¾
Bank of NY	38¼	37¾
Bankers Tr NY	60¼	58¾
Barnett Banks	49	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	40¼	40¼
Baxter Intl	33¾	33¾
Becton Dicknsn	57¼	57¼
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54¼
Bell Industries	20¼	20¼
BellSouth	61¼	61¼
Black & Decker	32¼	31¼
Block (H&R)	37¼	37¼
Boeing	56¼	56¼
Boise Cascade	34¾	35
Bristol Myrs Sq	64¾	65
Browning Ferris	35¼	35¼
Brunswick	19	19¼
Burlington Nthn	58¼	58¼
CBS	64¼	64¼
CNA Financial	82¼	82¼
CPC Intl	57¼	58¼
CSX	76¼	79¼
Campbell Soup	47¼	48¼
Can Pacific	17¼	17¼
Cpd Cities ABC	94	91¼
Carolina Pwr	28¼	28¼
Caterpillar	61	62¼
Central & SW	24¼	24¼
Champion Intl	46¼	46¼
Chase Manhat	47¼	46¼
Chemical Bk	46¼	45¼
Chevron Corp	47¼	47¼
Chrysler	42¼	42¼
Chubb Corp	82¼	82¼
Cigna Corp	73¼	73¼
Citicorp	51	50¼
Clorox	57¼	57¼
Coastal Corp	31	31¼
Coca Cola	59¼	58¼
Colgate-Palmolive	71¼	71¼
Columbia Gas	29¼	29¼
Compaq Comp	40	39¼
Comp Ass Int	65¼	65¼
Conagra	32¼	32
Conrail	53¼	52¼
Cons Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	39¼	39¼
Cooper Inds	37¼	37¼
Corning Inc	32¼	33¼
Crown Cork	47¼	41¼
Dana Corp	28	27¼
Dayton Hudson	69¼	69
Deere	87¼	89¼
Delta Air Lines	65¼	64¼
Deluxe Corp	31	30¼
Detroit Edison	28¼	28¼
Digital Equip	48¼	48¼
Dillard Dept St	27¼	27
Disney (Walt)	55¼	54¼
Dominion Res	37¼	37¼
Donelley (RR)	35¼	35¼
Dover Corp	66¼	66¼
Dow Chemical	72¼	72¼
Dow Jones	35¼	35¼
Dresser	23¼	23¼
Duke Power	40	40¼
Dun & Bradstreet	53¼	53¼
Du Pont	67¼	67¼
Eastman Kodak	60¼	60¼
Eaton Corp	58¼	58¼
Emerson Elec	68¼	68¼
Engelhard Corp	41¼	40¼

	May 23 midday	May 22 close
Enron Corp	36¼	36¼
Entergy	22¼	22¼
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	70¼	70
FMC Corp	64	64
FPL Group	36¼	36¼
Federal Express	62¼	62¼
Fed Nat Mtge	92	92¼
First Chicago	57¼	57¼
First Interstate	83¼	83¼
First Union Rlty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Finl Grp	34	33¼
Fluor Corp	51¼	52¼
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	32¼	32¼
Gannett	52¼	52¼
Gap Inc Del	34¼	33¼
Gen Dynamics	43	44¼
Gen Electric	57	57¼
Gen Mills	59¼	59¼
Gen Motors	46¼	46¼
Gen Reinsurance	133¼	133
Gen Signal	37	37
Genuine Parts	38¼	38¼
Georgia Pac	79	79¼
Gillette	83¼	82¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	22¼	22¼
Goodrich (BF)	48¼	49¼
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41¼
Grace (WR)	62¼	61¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24¼	23¼
Great Wstn Fin	21¼	20¼
Halliburton	38¼	37
Harcourt General	40¼	41¼
Heinz (HJ)	43¼	43¼
Hercules	51¼	51¼
Hershey Foods	50¼	50¼
Hewlett Packard	69¼	69¼
Hilton Hotels	68¼	68¼
Home Depot	41¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	16¼	15¼
Honeywell	39¼	39¼
Household Intl	48¼	48¼
Houston Inds	40¼	40¼
Humana	21	20¼
ITT Corp	110¼	111¼
Illinois Tool	50¼	49¼
Illinova	23¼	24
INCO	25¼	24¼
Ingersoll Rand	38	38
Inland Steel	28¼	28¼
Intel Corp	116¼	114
IBM	97	95¼
Intl Flav & Fr	48¼	48¼
Intl Paper	80¼	80¼
James River Va	25¼	25¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	64¼	63¼
Kellogg	65¼	65¼
Kerr-McGee	54¼	53¼
Kimberly-Clark	57¼	58¼
Kmart	13	13¼
Knight-Ridder	54¼	54¼
Lilly (Eli)	72¼	72¼
Limited Inc	22¼	22¼
LIN Brdcstng	123¼	123¼
Lincoln Nat	43¼	43¼
Litton	37	37¼
Liz Claiborne	18¼	18¼
Lockheed Martin	57¼	57¼
Louisiana Pac	27¼	27¼
MCI Comm	20¼	21
Marriott Intl	36¼	36¼
Marsh & McLnn	78¼	78¼
Masco Corp	28¼	28¼
May Dept St	38¼	38¼
Maytag Corp	16	16¼
McDonalds	36	36¼
McDonnell D	70¼	71¼
McGraw Hill	73¼	74¼
Mead Corp	53¼	52¼
Medtronic	78	77¼
Mellon Bk	43¼	42¼
Melville Corp	38¼	38¼
Merck Inc	42¼	42¼
Merrill Lynch	46¼	47
Minnesota Mine	58¼	58¼
Mobil Corp	99¼	100
Monsanto	80¼	80¼
Morgan (JP)	69	68¼
Motorola Inc	61¼	59¼
Natl Semi	27¼	26¼
Natl Service Ind	28¼	28¼
Navistar Intl	15¼	15¼
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31¼
NY Times A	23¼	23¼
Newmont Mng	40¼	40¼
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Nike B	79¼	79¼
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Nordstrom	38¼	38¼
Norfolk Sthrn	64¼	65¼
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Norwest Corp	27¼	27¼
Nynex Corp	40	40¼
Occidental Pet	23	23
Ohio Edison	20¼	20¼
Oracle Systems	34¼	33¼
Oryx Energy Co	13¼	13¼
Owens Corning	37¼	37¼

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PPG Industries	39¼	40
PNC Bank	26¼	25¼
Paccar Inc	48¼	48¼
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	27	27
Pac Telesis	26¼	28¼
Pall Corp	23	23¼
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Parker Hannifin	54¼	54¼
Peco Energy	26¼	26¼
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Pennzoil	50	49¼
Pepsico	45¼	44¼
Pfizer	84¼	83¼
Phelps Dodge	54¼	54
Philip Morris	69¼	69¼
Phillips Pet	36¼	36¼
Pitney Bowes	36¼	36¼
Polaroid	37¼	37¼
PriceCostco	13¼	14¼
Procter & Gmbl	68¼	68¼
Providian	35¼	35
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	28¼
Quaker Oats	34¼	34¼
Ralston Purina	48¼	48¼
Raychem Corp	35	35
Raytheon	75¼	75¼
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Reynolds Metals	50¼	49¼
Roadway Srvcs	45¼	45¼
Rockwell Intl	45¼	45
Rohm & Haas	59¼	59¼
Royal Dutch	122¼	123¼
Rubbermaid	30	29¼
SBC Comms	44¼	44¼
Safeco Corp	57¼	57¼
St Paul's Cos	49¼	49¼
Salomon Inc	39¼	40¼
Santa Fe Pac	23¼	11¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	27¼
Scecorp	16¼	16¼
Schering Plough	76¼	74¼
Schlumberger	63¼	63¼
Scott Paper	44	44¼
Seagram	29	28¼
Sears Roebuck	56¼	56¼
Shell Trans	72¼	73
Sherwin Wlms	36¼	36¼
Skyline Corp	17¼	18¼
Snap-On-Tools	35¼	35¼
Southern Co	21¼	21
Sprint Corp	33	32¼
Stanley Works	39¼	39¼
Sun Company	32	31¼
Sun Microsys	47¼	45¼
Suntrust	57¼	57
Supervalu	27¼	27¼
Sysco Corp	27¼	27¼
TRW Inc	76	74¼
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Tandy Corp	47¼	47¼
Teledyne	24¼	24¼
Temple Inland	45¼	46¼
Tenet Healthcare	16¼	16¼
Tenneco	46¼	46¼
Texaco	67¼	67¼
Texas Inst	127¼	119¼
Texas Utilities	33¼	33¼
Textron	58¼	58¼
Time Warner	39¼	39¼
Times-Mirror A	22¼	23¼
Timken	43¼	43¼
Torchmark	40¼	40
Toys R Us	25	25
Transamerica	57	56¼
Travelers	41¼	41¼
Tribune	58¼	58¼
Tyco Labs	54¼	54¼
UST Inc	28¼	28¼
UAL	116¼	114¼
USX Marathon	18¼	18¼
Unicom	26¼	26¼
Unilever NY	122¼	122¼
Union Camp	52	51¼
Union Carbide	30	29¼
Union Pacific	54¼	54¼
Unisys Corp	10¼	10¼
USAir Group	8¼	8¼
USF&G Corp	16¼	16¼
US Life	38¼	38
US West	40¼	40¼
United Tech	74¼	74¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	29¼
Upjohn	34¼	35
VF Corp	52¼	52¼
WMX Tech	28	28
Wal-Mart Stores	24¼	24¼
Warner-Lambert	79¼	78¼
Wells Fargo	176¼	170
Westinghouse El	14¼	14¼
Weyerhaeuser	43	43
Whirlpool	54¼	54¼
Whitman	17¼	18¼
Winn Dixie	59¼	55¼
Woolworth	15¼	15¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¼	44¼
Xerox	118¼	118¼
Yellow Corp	20	19¼

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Sustenance at British Gas . . .

THE number of British Gas shareholders determined to attend next week's agm grows by the hour. By 10am yesterday, 6,646 said they will be turning up at the London Arena on May 31. A week ago, the count stood at 6,210. The opportunity to secure a ringside seat to stare into the whites of the eyes of chairman Richard Giordano and chief executive Cedric Brown, as they defend high levels of executive pay, is obviously not one to be missed. There may never be an agm quite like this again. There is no knowing how long the agm will last, but British Gas promises to lay on light refreshments. The way the postbag is growing, the chefs had better start cutting up more sandwiches.

. . . but no Xtras

THE high tea at the Halifax annual meetings has been legendary in Yorkshire. Members have travelled from far and wide and filled their handbags with scones and sandwiches — for the journey home. Not this year though, as they arrived at 2.30pm to vote on the merger of Halifax and Leeds, members saw that there were to be no refreshments. Lack of sustenance did not deter members from discussing the merits of the takeover and the general business of the world's largest mortgage lender. The last word was spoken at almost 7pm.



Wisdom: in his heyday

DECORUM at Guildhall may be a little strained tomorrow. Among those applying for the Freedom of the City of London is Norman Wisdom, the comedian. Will he wear his famed cloth cap? Also seeking permission to drive sheep over London Bridge is Peter Selwyn Gummer, chairman of PR group Shandwick.

Indirect line

A BBC team, set up within the Lloyd's building yesterday to report on latest developments, and anxious to hear both sides, had difficulty in interviewing Christopher Stockwell within the Lloyd's building. Stockwell, head of the Association of Lloyd's Names, was, reportedly, denied permission to enter. The BBC spoke to him by telephone.

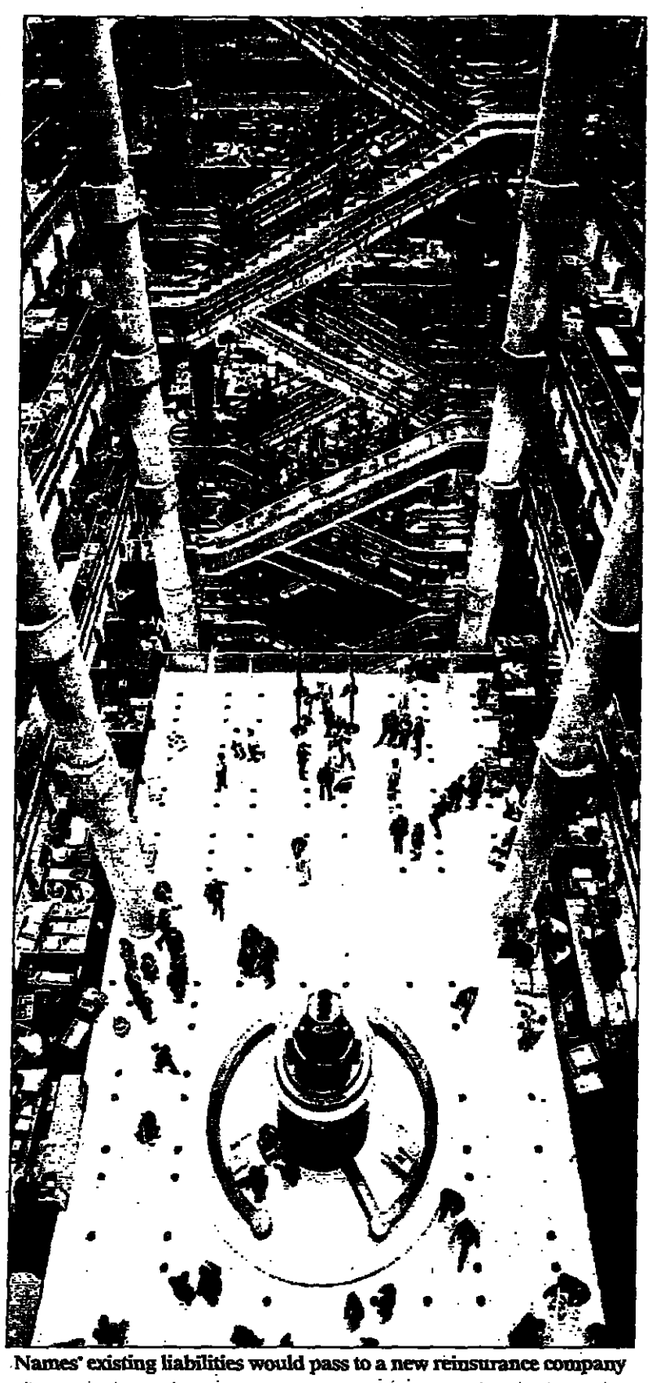
Rescued

LAING & Cruickshank Investment Management, the private client firm of Credit Lyonnais Laing, yesterday scooped up three senior investment directors from Quilter Goodison — Nigel Lloyd, Richard Legge and John Nicholas — a defection which is said to have rocked parent Commercial Union. But for the efficiency of the rescue services, the broker might have been announcing that a vacancy had arisen for a chief executive. CCL's chief executive Michael Kerr-Dineen was out walking along the shore line off the Cornish coast at the weekend when he was stranded by high tide. He had to be winched to safety by helicopter.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Lloyd's names look for devil in the detail of £2.8bn offer

Sarah Bagnall reports on the latest attempt by the insurance market to settle with its names



Names' existing liabilities would pass to a new reinsurance company

Lloyd's of London's latest olive branch, offering £2.8 billion to end the mass of legal actions brought by more than 17,000 names, is far from a done deal. While the increased settlement package compares favourably with the £900 million offered to names in May 1993, the chances of the latest offer being accepted hinges on exactly how the cake will be sliced up. This, however, has yet to be decided.

Tense negotiations between Lloyd's and the 44 different action groups will now kick off. But no clearer picture is expected to emerge for months and only then will it become apparent whether Lloyd's has won its battle to end the legal actions.

As Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, said: "The devil will be in the detail."

In the meantime, the best that can be done is to assess the deal on a macro level. The latest offer of £2.8 billion is more than three times larger than the original offer — appearing to vindicate the names' decision to reject the first offer and to continue the process of taking court action.

Also in the new offer's favour is that it contains a plan to cap names' losses and, theoretically, free thousands of names in the process from any further involvement with the market. The first offer foundered partly because it failed to give names any finality to their predicament. That is, names were being asked to hand over their rights to litigate without knowing what further losses were going to hit them in the future.

The latest offer has tackled this issue and includes the plan to form a new reinsurance company, Equitas, which will take on names' old-year liabilities for a fee. In theory, this process enables the names to exit the market once and for all. However, Equitas is a reinsurance company and if it were to collapse its debts would revert back to the names. Convincing names that Equitas will be adequately funded, therefore, is critical to the success of the latest offer.

Lloyd's calculates that it will cost about £5.9 billion to transfer all 1992 and prior years' liabilities from names to Equitas, of which the largest chunk is £2 billion of losses that names have not yet been asked to pay. The £5.9 billion is over and above the reserves of about £10 billion already set aside to meet these liabilities.

Of the £5.9 billion, £2.8 billion comes from the planned settlement offer. This in turn comes from various sources. About £800 million comes from errors and omissions insurers and equates to the amount the names would expect to receive from the courts. This figure is significantly less than the total damages names might be expected to win through the courts because there is a large shortfall in the amount of insurance cover available to meet the awards. The sum may rise if other parties involved in litigation, such as auditors, join the party.

While the £800 million will be paid out to names as cash, the remaining £2 billion of the settlement package is in the form of debt credits — or debt write-offs — which are to be used to fund names' entry into Equitas. Names will get their first idea of the cost of reinsuring their liabilities to Equitas in October.

Of this £2 billion, £1.1 billion comes from writing off names' debts to the central fund. That is, at the end of this year Lloyd's expects to have £1.1 billion of losses that have been "earmarked" against the central fund — these will be written off. A further £900 million of unpaid debts that are deemed uncollectable will also be written off.

As a result, under the plans, names who owe Lloyd's money but cannot meet their debts will have their debts written off while names deemed able to pay their debts will be pursued through the courts by Lloyd's and the Lloyd's agencies.

In the document published yesterday, entitled *Lloyd's: reconstruction and renewal*, the distribution of the £2 billion of debt credits will be to "assist those names who, by virtue of having suffered disproportionately large losses, will have the greatest difficulty in meeting their 'finality' bills".

In return for accepting the £2.8 billion settlement package names have to give up their litigation rights.

Deducting the £2.8 billion from the £5.9 billion needed to fund Equitas, leaves an estimated £3.1 billion still to find. This again comes from various sources. There is £1.5 billion of names' funds held at Lloyd's, which Lloyd's says it will draw down if names refuse to pay the £2 billion of debts that have yet to be called.

A further £800 million is being paid over by names who are still underwriting under Lloyd's plan to release early part of the profits from the 1993, 1994 and 1995 years of account. This will be achieved either by the planned move to one-year accounting or by special approval by the authorities. On top of this is an estimated £600 million that Lloyd's believes it will be able to collect from names.

The total sum will, however, be reduced by an estimated £200 million that will be paid to names who have paid all their debts to Lloyd's. If all these cash flows and accounting machinations work out, Equitas will start out life with funding of £5.5 billion, leaving a residual £400 million that is expected to be collected over time.

David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, said the successful setting up of Equitas would mean ongoing names would be ring-fenced from the past, there would be no further levies for Equitas and names would be free to leave the market if they wished. He said: "We undertake never to chase you again for debts."

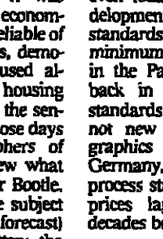
The plan does not end there. Lloyd's plans to strengthen its central finances by raising up to £900 million from names, both corporate and traditional, managing and members' agents and by obtaining external finance against the society's assets.

The names are being asked to contribute £450 million in the form of a loan, the agents are offering £200 million and Lloyd's is attempting to raise a further £200 million to £250 million which could be via a sale and leaseback of the society's assets.

Mr Rowland said the reconstruction and settlement offer "marks a critical juncture in the history of Lloyd's". He added that the new Lloyd's would be free of 1992 and prior-year liabilities and a new central fund of £300 million would be set up, comprising £100 million in cash and £200 million of commitments.

The general reaction to the plan was one of cautious optimism, but action group leaders were quick to stress that there were many important details still to be thrashed out. None of the action groups are expected to stop the litigation process until they are sure a firm offer is on the table. The basis for allocating the settlement package will be revealed in October, but the deal, if successful, will still not be signed and sealed until next spring.

In order for the plan to become reality it will have to be approved through a vote. There will need to be a vote from names because the £450 million loan is in fact a levy — equal to about 1.5 per cent of capacity for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 years of account.



ANTHONY HARRIS

House prices: Hamlet minus the Prince

Not *another* article on house prices? I'm sorry, but yes, up to a point at least: the point being the one which all the gloomy forecasts of recent days (all of them right, no doubt) seem to have missed. This is that the current housing slump should not have come as a surprise to anyone, and especially not to those paid by the building societies to forecast demand. It was in our stars all along.

The earliest projection appeared some 30 years ago, in a book published by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research (which must wish that all its forecasts were so accurate). It was based not on fallible economics, but on the most reliable of all the social sciences, demographics; and it caused almost no stir in the housing industry, because all the sensible developers in those days employed demographers of their own. They knew what we (apart from Roger Bootle, who did mention the subject in passing in his forecast) seem to have forgotten: the first step in market research is to count your prospective customers.

That is what demographers do. But nowadays we only seem to hear about them when we are thinking about the horrors of the coming pensions crisis (sometimes to comfort ourselves with the thought that things will be even worse across the Channel). Yet properly used, population studies can tell us much more than economic theory, not only about pensions and housing demand but about future tax burdens and even future stock market trends. It is the changing age composition of the population that more than anything else determines not just the net demand for housing, but the flow of revenue and the demands on it, and the net supply of new savings. In Japan, it has long been the ruling obsession of economic strategy; here, a forgotten footnote. Yet it packs a punch. Consider housing, for a start. Most people set up house for the first time between the ages of 20 and 30 — a group that peaked at 8.2 million as recently as 1989. By next year, it is projected at 7.2 million, and by the turn of the millennium at only 6.4 million; it is not until 2021 that it creeps above 7 million again. Yet all through this period the number reaching retiring age, some of whom will sell houses in working centres, is near constant to the end of this decade at around 2.5 million, and then takes off to 3.2 million in 2011. More supply, less demand; elementary.

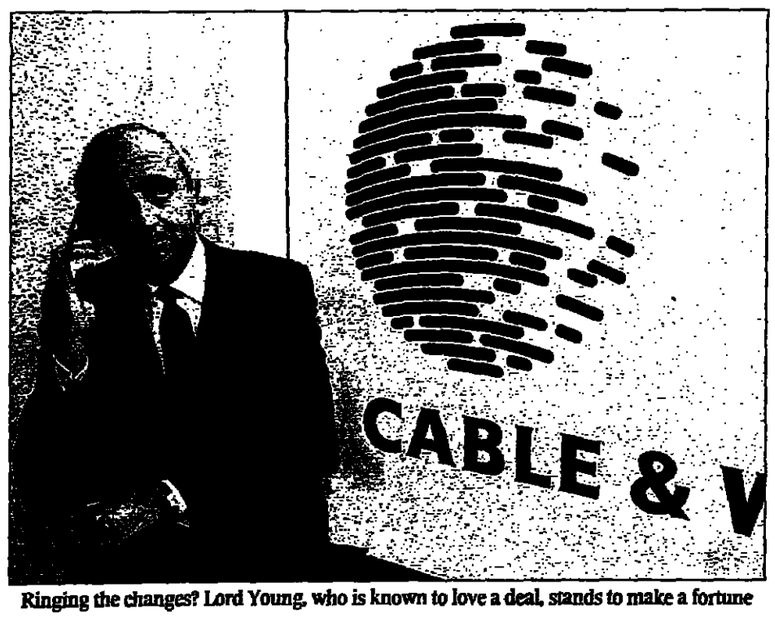
OK, developers tend to reply to this as such: but what about rising income standards and rising divorce rates? Yes; but both these trends may have peaked. More important, the main effect of rising monetary demand is not on housing standards, but on land prices; even today very few private delopments reach the space standards laid down as a *minimum* for council houses in the Parker-Morris report back in the 1940s. Rising standards bid up old houses, not new ones. And demographics *still* dominate: in Germany, where the ageing process started earlier, house prices lagged incomes for decades before reunification.

Now consider taxpayers and tax burdens. The school age population, one expensive group, is at a peak now at a touch over 10.5 million (which explains some of the news), but remains pretty stable for the next 30 years. But medicine threatens an explosion of the really expensive over-75s, at 3.5 million now, 3.9 million by the end of the decade, 4.3 million by 2021 and more than 5 million by 2031. Do not believe any long-range tax promises. And then think about saving and investment: is the pension fund of UK Plc nearing maturity, the point at which contributions fall behind payments? And what does that imply for the flow of investible funds?

Disturbing questions; no answers, in this column at any rate. The whole subject is much too big for here and now. But I hope to have convinced you that this is a remarkably precise science — reliably precise, because most of the subject matter is people now alive. A short study would have enabled you to predict much of this year's news of housing slump and pensions crisis a decade or more ago. Worth some attention, surely.

Eric Reguly weighs up potential rival bidders for C&W

Global operator ripe for takeover



Ringing the changes? Lord Young, who is known to love a deal, stands to make a fortune

Cable and Wireless is a sitting duck. Speculation is growing in the City that C&W, which is expected to report annual pre-tax profits of about £820 million tomorrow, looms in the cross hairs of British Telecom, AT&T and possibly other groups with international ambitions and deep pockets. C&W is attractive because it is the only telecoms company that can legitimately claim to be a global operator.

The speculation intensified last week when Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, made it clear that the company's future lies in foreign markets. Domestic market share, largely because of competition from cable telephony companies, is on the wane, while the regulatory risks remain as large as ever. AT&T, America's largest overseas phone carrier, is BT's arch rival in the race to create a seamless international telecoms network. "These companies want to go global," said John Tysoe, an analyst at Strauss Turnbull Securities.

C&W would give its owner operations on five continents, ranging from a monopoly operation in the Caribbean to a controlling interest in Hong Kong Telecom, the dominant player in the world's fastest growing market. Hong Kong Telecom is by far the most valuable holding in C&W's portfolio: the market assigns relatively little worth to the rest of the company. No bid makes sense unless the new owner develops a strategy to ramp up the value of non-Hong Kong Telecom bits.

The C&W empire, whose history dates back to 1866, when Sir John Pender's *Eastern* steampship laid the first transatlantic cable, includes mobile-phone licences in Japan; a 25 per cent stake in Optus, Australia's second largest phone company; 80 per cent of Mercury Communications; joint ventures in the former Soviet Union; and a partnership with Veba, the German industrial conglomerate that is the first link in its pan-European network.

Price is the chief takeover deterrent. Based on its current trading price of about 410p a share, C&W's market value approaches £9 billion. But it is impossible to imagine that any bid of less than 550p — the shares have been as high as 478p in the past year — would warrant consideration from Lord Young, who became chairman in 1990. At 550p, an acquisitor would have to pay almost £12 billion for the company and a bidding war could take it much higher.

Only two takeovers in history — KKR's purchase of RJR Nabisco for $25 billion and Taiyo Kobe Bank's $23 billion merger with Mitsui Bank — would be larger.

Nonetheless, buyers might be tempted to move because the shares are nowhere near their high of 538p, reached in early 1994. The current low price, and less intimidating price-to-earnings ratio, means a takeover financed with shares would be less dilutive.

On the financial front, BT has the advantage over AT&T. BT is enormously profitable — it just reported a pre-tax profit of £2.66 billion in 1994-95 — and, more importantly, its gearing is just 18 per cent. AT&T's balance sheet is less healthy because it is digesting last year's purchase of McCaw Cellular Communications for $12.6 billion. Its gearing, depending on whether you use American or British accounting rules, ranges from 35 per cent to more than 50 per cent.

Sir Iain would not comment last week when he was asked whether BT had even evaluated C&W. It is known, however, that BT has taken a serious look at C&W's balance sheet to determine what affect its purchase would have on BT's financial well-being.

While BT wins on the financial front, it loses on the political front. There is no doubt a bid for C&W would trigger a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. BT might emerge intact only if it unloads Mercury, BT's main domestic competitor. AT&T could pick it up as a consolation prize in a distress sale. AT&T, which is searching for a European base, has been in talks to buy Mercury for a year or so.

It appears that buying all of C&W would present AT&T with few political problems. The Conservative Government has shown absolutely no bias against foreign ownership. Furthermore, the Government would like to see Mercury get back on its feet and compete vigorously with BT. With AT&T's muscle behind it, it could do just that.

The Government retains a golden share in C&W, allowing it to veto purchases of more than 15 per cent, but the City, as one analyst put it, considers it "fool's gold".

How fiercely would Lord Young guard C&W's independence? He is known as a sharp operator who loves a deal. He, like any corporate boss, would entertain any offer that would soak the buyer to enrich the owners. Lord Young, of course, would benefit himself. At last count, he had almost one million share options, the majority of them granted at 210p. A takeover could earn him millions.

BUSINESS LETTER

Relief for young in falling house prices

From Mrs Stella Lilley

Sir, At last someone has dared to print what so many people must have realised, that the tremendous boom in house prices a few years ago was an anachronism and what is happening now, in falling prices, is simply restoring some sanity into what was a completely artificial situation.

As a parent of two children who have been caught in the negative equity trap, I still say thank you to Graham Searjeant (Business News, May 22) for his statement "What a relief". So it will be to the millions of young people who may otherwise never be able to contemplate a place of their own.

Yours faithfully,
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Düsseldorf, May 1995 The Executive Board

Modest gains at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	413	Abbey Nat	469½	- 2½	4.7	9.5
298	250	Allied Irish	290	- 1	4.8	8.4
247	198	Aus New Z	234	+ 4	4.9	8.5
3300	2531¼	Bank Americat	3208¼	+ 6¼		
230	191½	Bank Scotland†	217½	+ ½	3.4	9.7
671	557½	Barclays	662	+ 2	4.0	7.2
350	288	Bk of Ireland	335½	- 2½	4.8	*
509	418	Cater Allen	509	+ 4	6.9	10.5
3287½	2450	Citicorp	3300	+ 43¾	..	
273	219	Close Bros	273		3.6	12.3
£158¾	£129¾	Commerzbk	£150	+528¾	3.5	
1375	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1246½	+ 3½	0.5	
£319½	£285	Deutsche Bk	£298¼	+469¾	2.4	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	875	- 3½	9.5	
1611	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1433½	+ 29½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	461	+ 4	6.5	13.3
253	195	Hambros	205		9.1	12.6
818	580	HSBC	614	+ 6	4.1	11.7
807	578	HSBC Hk†	805	+ 10	4.2	11.5
298	228	Irish Perm	298		2.6	6.9
408	363	Joseph (L)	363		6.1	10.6
114	85	King Shaxson	114	+ 9	9.9	11.3
700	529	Kleinwort Ben	690	- 3	3.9	12.3
683	530	Lloyds	662	- 4	4.9	11.1
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	548	+ 6	6.6	8.9
557	454	Nat West	543	- 2	5.0	9.1
2600	2150	Ottoman Bank	2600		6.0	3.7
67	51	Rea Bros	51		2.5	18.7
433	373½	Ryl Bk Scott	398	+ 6	4.5	9.6
1143	905¾	Schroders	1140	+ 5	1.5	16.2
976¾	823¾	Schroders N/V	945	+ 7	1.8	13.5
92	81	Singer & Fried†	91½	+ ½	4.8	*
345	246	Stand Chart†	342½	+ 4	2.9	10.5
258	217	TSB	249	- 2	4.5	10.6
105	70	Union	99		3.8	*
883	656	Warburg SG†	754	+ 1	3.6	*
£113	9043¾	Wells Fargo	£111¼	+ 50	2.6	
257½	211	Westpac	236¾	- ½	2.3	*
235	200	Wintrust	205		6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	158			
574	487	Bass	561	+ 5	4.7	13.9
277	239	Boddington	274	- 1	4.0	14.1
177	151	Burtonwd Brw	151	- 2	4.2	12.6
170	137	Eldridge P A	162	- 1	3.2	19.7
61	51	Fosters Brewing	56		4.9	14.6
370	335	Fullr Sm 'A'	368	...	2.7	15.2
483	402	Greenalls Grp	466	+ 1	3.7	13.3
530	468	Greene King	522		3.1	14.2
267	240	Hardy Hanson	254		4.6	12.4
160	150	Heavitree	160		3.5	11.4
3425	3145	Holt J†	3173	+ 13	2.1	
260	219	Mansfield	259		2.2	15.8
312	266	Marston Thmp	297		2.6	14.1
470	400	Morland	466	+ 3	2.9	14.1
8¼	6½	Paramount†	7¼		4.0	18.3
332	307	Regent Inns	391		1.9	22.3
1881¼	1287¼	SA Breweries	1771¼		1.9	
556	482	Scot & Newc	528	+ 3	4.3	15.1
237	211	Vaux Group†	229	+ 1	5.4	12.9
533	448	Wetherspoon JD	527		1.7	24.4
592	521	Whitbread†	581	+ 4	4.3	15.1
555	483	Wolvrhmptn D	548		3.2	14.2
260	186	Yates Bros	245		1.9	19.3
468	450	Young 'A'	468	+ 10	4.0	19.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	145		4.5	10.6
175	143	Allen	175		4.0	16.4
78	56	Amec†	67	- 1	5.6	15.3
185	135	Andrews Sykes	183	+ 10		
464	412	Ashtead	463		1.6	19.8
106	79	Avonside†	79	- 2	7.0	*
38	30	Bailey (Ben) Cont	31		4.2	7.6
45	36	Bacom	38			
197	158	Barratt Devs†	182	- 2	4.5	12.7
153	132	Beazer Homes	148	- 2	4.6	11.6
240	190	Bellway†	232	- 2	3.9	11.8
37	37	Bellwinch	29	- 1	0.9	15.5
486	315	Bensley Gp	380	- 5	2.4	12.1
192	168	Bett Bros†	180		3.5	5.6
245	195	Boot (Henry)†	219		4.1	10.3
129	93	Brandon Hire	118		1.9	20.0
160	120	Br Brdg & Eng	120		8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	129	- 3	4.9	12.2
121	98	CALA	121		3.1	13.8
38	29	Campbll & Arm	38			
54	49	Clarke T	51		9.4	13.4
24½	10	Costain	11	- ½		
110	85	Countryside	90	- 2	5.8	11.4
81	60	Crest Nicholson	72		3.5	10.1
98	80	Cussins†	85		5.5	7.1
29	18	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	
393	165	Eve Group	225	+ 15	6.1	9.2
29	17½	Galliford	17½	-	7.1	
90	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88		4.3	
963	828	Gleeson (MJ)†	828		2.2	15.8
95	68	Green (Ernst)	69		10.2	18.5
216	178	Havelock Euro†	216		1.7	18.4
178	138	Hewden-Stuart	177½	+ 1½	2.3	17.1
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	84		3.7	
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16		6.2	12.2
19½	8½	Jarvis	16½			
125	98	Keller†	121		3.2	12.4
223	185	Laing (J)†	205		5.5	25.3
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	83	+ 1	9.6	
124	115	Lon Clydeside	117		5.7	12.4
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	39		3.2	4.8
210	185	Maunders (J)	195		3.5	10.7
181	136	McAlpine (A)†	167		4.5	
60	48	McCarthy & S	58			16.3
61	51	Morgan Sindall	52			
106	68	Mowlem (J)†	89		3.6	31.2
216	163	Persimmon	213	- 3	5.8	13.6
2400	1700	Pochins	1800		2.2	12.6
126	105	Prowting†	124		3.8	
53	23	Raine Ind	29½	- ½	10.6	6.1
53	45	Secure Retire	52		2.5	
123	93	Redrow	119	- 1	2.8	13.9
74	49	Swift-Rvet	74		1.7	22.7
398	362	Sherriff Hldgs	364		2.0	15.2
112½	88	Stonor†	92		5.2	11.9
318	258	Spandor	305		1.0	21.2
176	155	Tay Homes	162		5.1	11.3
130	114	Taylor Woodrow†	117	- 4	2.4	21.3
568	433	Tilbury Dougls†	435	- 5	9.5	17.8
59½	52	Totex Hire	56		2.8	19.6
30	16	Try Group†	18		6.9	25.3
109	100	Vibroplant	100		4.7	17.9
116	97	Wainhomes	112		5.4	12.2
60	48	Ward Hldgs	50		3.8	7.0
160	123	Westbury†	156		4.6	
5½	3½	Wiggins	3½	- ½		
173	124	Wilson (C)†	165	- 5	3.4	12.2
355	308	Wilson Bowden	350	- 2	3.6	12.9
138	113	Wimpey G	122	- 2	5.6	14.8

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Albrighton	10½		6.0	17.7
343	331	Alumasc	338		2.5	16.9
53	47	Amberley Gp	53	+ 1	2.9	27.3
324	267½	BPB Ind	313	- 1	3.4	16.1
133	122	Baggeridge Brk	132		3.0	12.4
36	27	Ballom†	28		8.9	16.9
71	52	Blockleys†	60		1.7	
321	255	Blue Circle†	302	- 4	4.9	18.6
87	72	Breedon PLC†	87		6.9	12.2
136	119	Br Dredging†	122		5.7	14.7
403	338	CRH	392	+ 3	2.6	14.7
46	38	Cakebread Rby†	45		2.8	*
210	196	Cape	197		7.0	14.3
273	220	Caradon†	264	- 1	4.5	13.5
132	114	Caradon pf†	128½	- 1	7.1	
55	23	Cavetlan Gp	33		16.3	8.6
130	105	Dyson (J&J)	119		3.7	17.9
72	63	Dyson 'A'	65		6.7	9.8
19½	11½	Eclipse Blinds	18½			17.2
315	274	Epwin†	314		3.5	17.5
62	53	Erith	54		5.2	*
182	160	Graham Grp	177	- 1	3.7	16.6
344	312	Halstead (J)†	333	+ 7	2.9	14.9
325	262	Hepworth†	309	- 1	6.0	14.6
95	80	Hewetson	81		2.3	14.1
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	78	...	2.8	
268	239	Heywd Wmn	262	- 1	6.6	12.5
85	75	Ibstock†	77½	- ½	2.4	20.4
325	262	Johnston†	325		3.8	*
108	85	Lilleshall†	90		6.7	10.8
139½	118	Marley▼	119	- 1	4.9	10.6
146	123	Marshalls	144		3.9	12.8
371	289	Meyer Int	327	- 4	4.1	12.7
176	160	Newman Tonks†	173	- 4	4.9	16.2
108	76	Novoros	86	- 2	10.2	16.3
76	12	Phoenix Timber	16			
191½	143	Pilkington	182	- 1	2.7	35.1
175	122	Polypipe	155	- 13	1.9	16.3
1098	902	RMC Grp†	1092	+ 2	2.6	15.9
18	8	Ramac	8			
470	406	Redland†	450	- 12	4.6	14.3
116½	91¼	Rockel▼	108	- 2	5.0	16.1
123	104	Rugby Group	116	- 1	3.9	14.3
101	88	Russell (A)	101		3.1	14.9
262	222	SIG	247		3.0	13.7
19	11	SMP	15½	- 1	1.6	
180	171	Sharpe & Fisher†	172		3.6	*
43	36	Spring Ram†	42		1.5	35.1
130	99	Tarmac†	125½	- 1½	5.5	16.1
160	148	Titon†	148		3.9	11.9
306	265	Travis Perkins	302	- 2	3.7	
31	24	Tudor†	30	+ 2	2.1	29.0
45	34	Unigroup	44			
48	33	Waterhouse	35			
130	83	Wickes	114½	- 2½	2.0	5.5
400½	324	Wolseley	369	- 5	3.1	13.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	1½	Anglo Utd	1½			
96	57	App Holo	77			
7¾	6¼	Bailey (CH)	6¼			
55	42	Black Arrow	54		7.2	8.6
84	69	Br Bloodstock	74			66.4
6	3	Card Gp	5	+ ½		
6¼	4½	Chemex	5½		2.3	17.2
153	135	Cozalt	147		7.2	9.7
259½	215	Frfotas	240		1.1	20.6
43	24	Headway	28		3.1	21.8
320	248	Hozelock	319	+ 8	3.1	14.3
168	132	Lorgh	139	- 1	7.0	12.8
131	121	Noble Gp	121		6.4	7.9
265	210	Photo-Me	235		2.6	22.8
68	53	Plant & Gen	59		5.4	*
11	7	Redrow	9			
95	73	Shanks & McEwan	91	- 1	2.9	*
196	160	Sinclair (Wm)	194		4.7	14.5
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	292	- 1		10.5

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
181	154	Amega & Wil	180	+ 2	4.2	*
135	109	Allied Colloids	131		2.3	18.5
785	780	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
£143½	£130¾	BASF DM	£138¼	-587½	3.2	
795	689	BOC†	777	- 3	4.0	16.1
303	236	BTP	272		5.0	15.4
£160½	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£156¼	+356¼	3.7	
133	103	Blagden	133			
118	101	Brent Chems	116		4.5	16.1
264	210	Br Vita	262		3.7	17.5
52	30	Cambridge Iso	41			
215	184	Canning (W)†	214		4.4	
474	401	Courtaulds	460	- 4	4.0	31.6
387½	330	Croda†	353	...	3.3	17.1
192	125	Doeflex†	192		3.5	16.4
90	58	Euro Colour	87		2.4	25.2
122	114	Globoriet	121		5.7	11.1
145	120	Hickson†	121		4.8	12.5
£143¾	£123¾	Hoechst	£135¾	+343¾	3.8	
330	190	Holliday Chem	219		2.9	15.6
789	660	ICI	782	+ 7	4.4	34.9
139	97¼	Inkon	#139	..	4.1	13.5
736	620	Laporte	732		3.8	15.9
85	75	MTM†	79		2.4	11.0
358	293	Manders†	354		3.9	16.7
66	30	Mernnet	48		9.0	6.5
495	382½	Montedison	440¼	- 2½	4.5	21.4
363	290	Porvair	345		1.7	23.8
227	188	Scapa	226		3.3	18.4
33	16	Sutcliffe Speak	18	...	4.9	10.7
865½	695¼	Takeda Chem	811½	+ 19	1.3	9.4
350	315	Wardle Storeys†	320	+ 1	6.7	15.9
197	186	Wellington Hldg†	197		3.5	15.1
803	728	Wolstenholme R	825		3.1	15.7
368	328	Yorks Chem	364		3.0	16.3
289	236	Yule Catto†	280		3.0	29.0

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	91	ABI Leis	110		4.6	12.6
595	535	Adam & Harvey	540	- 3	3.6	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	20		6.2	9.6
113	88	Appleyard	108	...	6.7	*
3¾	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3¾	...	1.7	26.8
585	518	BSS Group	594		3.8	20.9
24½	19	Bearing Power	19½		6.4	9.6
28	23	Bogod 'A'	25		3.5	10.5
400	345	Bramner†	398		4.2	
21	10	Bridgend Gp	21		1.2	
96	65	Brit Fdngs†	65	...	4.4	
48	38	Brown & Tawse	42			
39	33	Bunzl? Bundera	38		6.3	
270	215	Caffyns	248	+ 3	5.8	40.7
88	66	Central Mtr	74		4.6	49.3
47	35	Cook (DC)	44		3.3	13.5
278	220	Cowie	278	+ 3	4.1	12.0
143	125	Dag Motors†	142	+ 2	6.2	12.5
598	558	Dennans B	558		1.5	13.8
495	408	Diplomat	482	+ 1	3.6	16.8
576	472	Electrocomps	575	+ 4	2.2	23.6
182	153	Electron House	175		2.6	14.7
282	234	Ellis & Everard	275		3.6	18.2
111	87	European Mtr	108	+ 2	5.2	11.7
410	364	Evans Halshaw	410	+ 1	4.6	12.1
616	512	Farnell Elect	616	+ 3	1.8	*
60	48	Fife Indmar	48	...	7.8	
24½	15	Gardner	22½	...	4.4	10.4
39½	15	Glencheven	29	- ½		32.0
73	61	Gowrings†	68	+ 1	4.1	12.9
73	62	Halton Hldgs†	68½		1.8	13.1
172	148	Harris (Philip)	165		5.2	14.5
421	358	Henlys	419	- 1	2.5	19.4
99	81	Holtons Tech	98		7.7	29.4
110	88	ISA Intl	90		2.6	11.0
430	274	Inchcape†	321½	+ 4½	5.8	12.1
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	65			14.8
167	142	Kwik-Fit	159		3.5	15.7
339	277	Lex Service	338	+ 4	5.2	18.0
195	164	Lookers	172		5.5	9.5
16	14	Malaya Grp	15		3.3	35.7
8¾	5	Middlesex	6¼		1.0	
435	330	Normans	339		0.8	15.1
133	78	Northamber	129	- 1	1.3	54.6
155	147	PCT†	147		6.5	
266	225	Pendragon	253	...	3.8	15.2
161	123	Perry Grp	148	+ 1	6.3	
136	126	Quicks Group†	135		5.1	12.8
171	160	REA†	163		3.1	19.4
3¼	2¾	Reece	3			
6½	2½	Ross Gp	6	...	4.2	
51¾	37½	SEP Ind	49½		2.7	16.5
57	38	TLS Range†	57	+ 3	3.3	15.9
260	226	Time Products	259		4.4	
228	151	Vann (Reg)	227		2.9	18.9
270	240	Wholesale Ftgs	270		5.4	24.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13		4.8	7.3
74½	62½	Wilshaw	69	+ ½	1.2	23.3
71	56½	Wyko	70		1.8	25.3
87	68	Young (H)	87		5.2	16.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
169	149	Adwest†	168	+ 1	5.7	14.5
333	235	Autoglass†	288		1.7	24.8
906½	728¼	Bodart Hall	823	+ 9	2.5	*
343	291	BTR†	342½	+ 2½	4.8	14.9
498	405	BAT†	493	+ 4	5.6	12.4
270½	216	Beresford Intl	246		0.3	65.1
98	71	Bibby (J)	97	+ 1	7.5	17.7
48	40½	Brierley Inv	46¼	- ½	8.9	27
879	743	Charter†	863	- 1	3.5	14.0
242	185	Cookson▼	237	- 1	3.7	15.0
252¾	228	Hanson	241½	- ½	6.3	12.1
162½	136	Harrisn Crsfld	155	- 1	7.3	18.7
325½	200¾	Hutch Whamp	324¼	+ 8¼	2.4	*
584½	415½	Jardine Math	499¾	- 7½	3.2	*
35	27	Jourdan (T)†	34	...	4.6	*
170	134	Lonrho	159		3.5	29.1
140	113	McLeod Russel	140	+ 2	5.6	13.8
44	34	Porter Chadbrn	35½	- 1½		
545	447	Powell Duffryn	544	+ 4	5.7	15.3
142	123	Ropner	142		7.3	12.3
612	432	Rothmans	607	+ 1	4.0	29.4
15½	10	Sabre	13			4.2
177	120	Sime Darby†	166	- 1	2.7	20.4
191	164	Staveley	187		5.7	57.6
185	148	Suter†	178½		6.7	14.0
253	227	TI Group†	246	+ 1	2.8	15.2
250½	214	Tomkins	241½	+ 2½	4.0	15.5
76	47	Trafalgar H	51	+ ½	2.5	
295	295	Unitare	295		6.0	*
300	241	Wassall	272	+ 2	1.9	*
169	162	Whitecroft	167		2.6	18.3
11½	9	Widney	9¾		2.6	15.1
350	312	Williams Hldg†	327	- 1	5.2	15.6

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
650	554	East Midlands	641	+ 1	5.4	27.0
800	535	Eastern Grp	642	- 1	4.8	14.0
795	548	London Elect	645	+ 10	4.6	9.9
886	621	Manweb	671	+ 6	5.1	8.0
827	563	Midlands Elec	639	+ 5	4.9	9.8
505	421½	National Pwr	462	+ 1	4.3	9.6
196	158½	Natl Power P/P	190	+ 1	4.0	10.4
1138	715	Northern Elec	797	- 2	5.2	8.2
371	313	Nthn Ireland	342	- 5	4.3	9.3
867	611	Norweb	669	+ 2	4.6	8.1
542	457½	PowerGen	488	- 1	3.8	10.5
206	176½	PowerGen (P/P)	197	- 1	3.6	11.3
335	303	Hydro-Elec	330	+ 2	4.9	10.4
350	309½	Scottish Power	333	+ 2	5.3	9.6
484	304	Seeboard	371		4.2	10.1
910	630	Sth Wales	694	+ 10	5.2	9.4
889	603	Sth Western	659	+ 4	4.8	8.7
826	548	Southern Elec	662	...	4.7	9.5
909	589	Yorkshire Elec	659	- 1	5.3	11.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
334	292	Acal	324	+ 2	2.7	17.5
97½	77½	Acorn Comp	94			
655	635	Admiral	655		1.5	19.9
220	195	Alba	220		2.9	17.1
222	127½	Amstrad	220½	+ 5	1.4	
41	30	Anert	39		1.3	
98	77	Astec†	97½	+ 1	1.5	16.6
181	116	Aztan	179		2.1	14.5
364	287	BICC†	330		4.9	16.4
250	225	Beales Hunter	229		5.4	12.3
485	450	Black	485		3.0	16.3
365½	284	Bowthorpe†	357	+ 1	2.9	18.0
30	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19¾		2.6	*
201	148	CML Micro	153		4.9	9.8
39	28	Channel Hldgs	34		4.6	9.7
25	19	Chloride	19¾		1.9	53.9
75	61	Clayhithe	66		5.1	
196	165	Copymore	165		3.3	
170	65½	Cray Elect	66		4.7	7.7
517	461	Critchley	517		2.1	21.8
440	330	Dania Bs Sys	391	- 3	0.6	
501	421	Delta†	496	+ 2	3.9	17.9
565	505	Domino	552		2.2	16.8
72	65	Dowding Mills	69½		4.7	22.5
1503	1465	Druck	1475		0.9	25.1
3303½	2750	Electrolux 'B'	2946½	+ 9½	3.6	5.2
34½	26	Emess	33		0.4	
4631½	3393½	Ericsson 'B'	4596½	+103½	1.0	29.5
79	64	Eurocopy	71	- 1	3.5	14.2
451	370	Eurotherm	449		1.5	23.2
445	376	Farey Group†	444	+ 1	2.0	19.5
294	165	Filtronic Comm	294	+ 5	0.3	60.8
273	195	Forward Gp	#268		2.6	16.5
66	40	Forward Tech†	56	- 2	4.3	9.4
323	269	GEC	315½	- 2	4.3	15.6
123	103	Gestetner†	103		3.1	15.5
147	132	Gozasby	137		6.0	12.9
141	110	Ind Control	117		5.3	10.4
17	14	Intelek	14		6.7	
320	254	Kenwood App	292	- 3	4.0	14.4
69	50	Kode	61			
45	28	LPA Ind	29		6.9	20.6
323	295	MTL Inst	323		1.8	18.3
285	254	Memec-Sw	285		2.0	30.0
41	30½	Microvect†	41	+ 2	2.0	14.0
342	224	Mitel	333	+ 7	1.2	14.0
69	60	Pace Systems	62		6.2	
73	73	Peak	86		4.9	15.9
2525	1893½	Philips Lmp nv†	2493¾	+ 84¾	2.0	10.1
349	290	Pifco	291		2.0	18.6
327	270	Pifco 'A' Vtg	273		2.1	17.4
141	116	Plasmec†	138		3.6	14.3
130	96	Pressac†	128		2.8	19.8
32	23	Presheld	31			
362	243	Psion	362	+ 10	1.2	22.1
31	25	Quadrant Grp	28			
261	217	Racal Elect	260	+ 2	2.2	21.4
68	44	Radamec†	65	- 1	4.0	14.4
335	301	Ranford	327½		1.9	19.3
256	202½	Roxboro	237		2.5	12.8
20½	9	Scanbonic	9			
45	38	Silvermines	41		3.1	10.9
66	53	Soundtracks	66	..	4.7	15.1
9½	7¾	TDS Circuits	8			
3100	2468¼	TDK	2725	- 18¼	1.3	*
376	82	Tadpole Tech	109			
98	57	Telemetrix†	88	+ 5	1.7	12.3
94	83	TGI	92		3.1	17.1
510	342	Tetspec	475	+ 12	1.0	33.0
251	226	Thorpe FW	245		1.8	16.6
163	130	TLG	161	- ½	2.7	23.1
38	25	Total Systems	25			26.0
262	227	Tunstall	250	+ 2	1.9	16.7
331	350	Unitech	375		2.3	18.9
9½	8	Verity	8			21.5
385	368	Volex	385	+ 3	5.9	16.1
79	38	Wakebourne	53	+ 2		9.4
127	122	Whessoe	132		1.6	

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
215	167	ADM	215	+ 8	2.6	
88	47½	APV†	76		5.1	
240	178	ASW	239	+ 2	3.1	42.3
35	27	Aero Hamble	28			
105	42	Alvis	104		1.5	
151	133	Ash & Lacy†	149		5.4	12.6
553	538	Atlas Equot	540		5.1	22.9
138	118	Avonside Metal	133		4.5	
31½	22½	Babcock	30½	- 1		
138	122	BWI†	133		6.3	17.1
94	77	Baynes (Charles)†	93		2.7	19.9
39¾	27¼	Beauford▼	29	- 2	1.1	6.8
120	93	Billam (J)	93		7.1	
338	308	Bodycote†	329		2.2	18.5
81	73	Booth Inds	74			
16	13¾	Bramway	16		4.1	15.1
160	130	Bridport	130½		3.8	13.0
559	418¼	Br Aerospace▼	537	- 10	2.3	20.1
177½	144	Br Steel	175		2.5	21.1
93	79	Bromsgrove Ind	91	+ 2	7.0	13.6
13½	11¼	Brooke Tool	12		1.0	27.6
49	33¼	Brunel	44½			
187	148	Bullough	187	+ 1	4.0	19.3
103	71	Burnfield	95		3.6	17.2
23	14	D Group	22		2.8	21.4
277	236	Carclo Eng	275		4.7	16.7
178	150	Castings	176	..	2.0	21.9
150	150	Chamberlin Hill	150		5.6	9.5
338	294	Chemring	338		3.6	15.9
182	143	Clyde Blowers	149		4.3	
349	302	Cobham†	349	+ 5	3.0	*
533	505	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	
195	166	Concentric	192	- 1	4.1	14.4
241	210	Cook (Wm)	217		4.3	10.2
248	193	David Brown	246		3.8	16.2
86	68	Dobson Park	82	...	5.2	15.2
398	330	BSI	383		4.1	
102	91	Elliott (B)	101		2.5	15.1
86	71	Expamet	72	+ 1	5.2	11.7
165½	135	FKI	164	...	3.2	19.0
160	126	Fenner	154		1.6	20.9
26	10	Ferrum	12	+ 2		
103	77	GEI Intl	98		3.2	17.9
145	117	Galton Eng†	134		5.1	*
348	292	Glynwed†	345	...	4.4	17.3
13½	12	Graystone†	12		3.3	9.5
76	59	Haden MacLel	61		4.3	11.8
180	133	Hadleigh	175		1.8	19.9
177	135	Hall Eng	174	+ 5	5.8	
218	178	Halma	199		1.6	21.5
57	41	Hampson Ind	40½		6.1	7.6
60	36	Hay (Norman)	31			
127	110	Hill & Smith	125		6.0	16.2
59	47	Hopkinsons	48		3.4	
33	28	How Grp	28		3.3	
94	74	Howden	85		3.7	14.0
182	162	Harding†	182		6.9	20.1
323	286	IMI	299	+ 1	4.4	18.0
49	40¼	Johnson & FB	48½			
559	506	Johnson Matt	555	+ 1	2.7	20.7
31	28	Jones Shipman	28			
353	310	Kelsey Ind	352		4.6	16.5
288	265	Linread	288		3.2	16.0
16	11½	Locker (T) A	15½		3.2	
35	29	ML Hldgs	35		3.0	12.2
26	19	MS Intl	21		8.9	12.7
161	137	Mang Bronze	140		4.0	11.9
443	378	McKechnie	431	+ 2	4.4	21.7
85	61	Meggitt	83		5.8	19.9
118	101	Metalrax	117		4.3	17.5
131	130	Metsec†	130		2.9	27.5
647	487	Molins†	647	+ 6	3.3	11.4
361	293	Morgan Crble†	351	+ 3	4.7	17.3
235	178	Morris Ashby	233		3.3	16.8
36	32	Neepsend	33	...	4.7	18.6
70	48	Neotronics	62		3.4	17.1
45	31	Newmrkt (L)	#31			
41½	13	OMB Intl	19½		11.2	
366	315	Oxford Ins	366		1.7	21.6
304	233	Powerscreen	302	- 1	3.1	12.7
15½	10½	Prospect Inds	12		8.9	6.1
73	67	Radiant Metal	67			
64	41	Ransomes	45	+ ½		
88	73	Ricardo†	73		6.2	14.8
344	265	Renishaw	329	- 2	2.5	26.1
212	180	Renold	200		1.8	29.0
58	46	Richard (Leics)†	49		5.7	17.0
83	66	Richardson West†	82		5.2	
187½	148	Rolls-Royce▼	187	+ 2	3.3	28.3
173	158½	Rotork	166		3.6	16.8
160	143	Rubicon	155		3.9	25.3
86	67	Senior Eng†	85		5.0	19.0
270	264	Servomex	285		3.3	17.5
595	498	Siebe	590	+ 6	2.4	19.0
86	67	Simon Eng	79			
82	79	Six Hundred	81	+ 1	2.3	28.0
1300	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1246¾	+ 43¾	2.9	
499	423	Smiths Ind†	494	+ 6	3.4	17.2
518	431	Spirax-Sarco†	518	+ 3	2.8	18.5
279	227	Sterling Ind	272		3.2	17.6
388	338	TI	376	+ 1	4.0	17.6
100	97	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
80	51	Transfer Techn†	80		3.1	
148	127	Triplex Lloyd	148	+ 1	5.9	
18	14	Ud Inds	18		2.2	17.1
1788	1358	VSEL†	1783	+ 88	2.9	
15½	11½	Verson	14			
308	162	Vickers	303	- 1	2.9	19.3
272	240	Victaulic	259		4.0	13.7
10½	8½	Viners Grp	10			
584	506	Vrident	583		1.9	14.9
844	722	Vosper Thorny	823	+ 19	3.2	
489	444	Wagon Ind	486		4.7	24.7
393	222	Weir	238	- 2	3.7	18.3
47½	36	Wellman	46	- ½	2.7	75.1
455	390	Whatman	455	+ 1	3.1	15.1

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	32	AAF Inds	32			
250	153	Airflow Stream	237	- 3	3.8	
48½	41	Armour	46	...	5.0	9.6
510	440	Avon Rubber	510		4.2	18.2
222	181	BBA†	213	- 4	2.8	
71	49½	BSG†	68½	+ ½	5.8	18.9
13	8½	Benson Group	9¼		4.7	12.7
325	285	Bostrom†	323		2.3	18.8
24	17	Boustead	17		7.4	
13½	10	Coverdale†	12	- ½	2.7	
357	323	ERF	345		1.4	
435	370	First Tech	434		1.5	26.0
664	543	GKN†	642	- 5	4.2	19.6
3056½	2343¼	General Mtr†	2950		2.6	
1152	937¼	Honda Motor	939¼	- 2¾	0.5	
375	304	Laird†	381	- 5	3.9	13.7
375	345	Lowtes	375			
204	163	Lucas†	196	+	4.5	
67½	53	Mayflower	67½	+ 1½	2.8	17.8
71	59	Molsdales	84	½ 1		6.4
168	158	Syltone	163		3.8	18.1
173	140	T & N†	170½	+ ½	4.4	
353	324	Trinity Hldgs	353		2.5	14.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
655	556	AB Food	650		3.1	13.3
267	223	Acatos & Hutch	245	..	4.6	9.3
49	38	Albert Fisher†	45		10.4	13.3
220	198	Banks (S C)	198		6.2	9.2
387	333	Barr (AG)	373		2.6	15.4
40	15	Bensons Crsp	18	..		
423	374	Booker†	412		6.8	19.6
47½	31	Borthwick	39		4.2	18.5
215	191	CPL Aromas	212		1.8	20.2
465	370	Cadbury-Schw	462	+ 8	4.3	14.3
267	239	Carrs Milling†	253		3.5	9.6
186	145	Cranswick	185		6.0	
136	93	Dalepak	106		2.4	
445	379½	Dalgety†	434	+ 7	6.2	12.1
54	34	Daniels St	39		0.3	
251	208	Devrot	232		3.8	
96	62	Everest	76		4.4	18.8
9	3½	Farmington	7¼	-		
78	56	Finlay (James)†	60		8.6	12.6
15	10	Global	13½		4.9	
57	31	Grand Central	31			
458	400	Greencore	447	- 3	2.9	11.8
116	91	Hazlewood Fds	101	+ 1	8.3	6.3
194	170	Hillsdown†	181	- 1	6.4	12.1
28½	22½	Hobson†	26½		1.9	
85	63	JLI Group	70		8.7	9.9
353	330	Lindon Park	352		5.5	
117	96	Matthews (B)	117		3.4	11.3
233	211	Nichols (JN)	225		3.4	14.9
221	181	Nthn Foods	188	- 2	5.9	9.7
11	8½	Nthmbn Fn	10½			20.3
290	80	Paccoe's	90			
71	60	Perkins Food†	69	- 1		
133	111	SeaPerfect	111	- 1	8.1	9.8
114	84	Sentry Farm†	102		4.2	7.3
78	62	Sims Food	73	+ 3	12.8	
451	412	Tate & Lyle†	441	+ 5	4.2	9.2
281	204	Treatt	263		2.2	18.6
396	333	Unigate	382	- 3	5.8	10.4
1258	1124	Unilever	1206	+ 5	2.8	14.5
8437½	7200	Unilever (NV)	7831¼	+ 50	3.1	11.8
368	333	Utd Biscuit†	339		5.8	14.2
38	33	West Trust	36	- ½	8.7	25.2
110	80	Yorkshire Food	99	- 1	4.4	14.6

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
449	280	AAH	443		5.1	15.5
938	770	Amersham	920	+ 1	2.2	19.3
57	44	Anagen	48			
207	175	Assoc Nursg	178	..	1.6	10.4
333	238	Bespak	274		4.7	14.1
80	60	Care UK	61			
92	71	Celsis	92	+ 2		
51	31	Cortecs	45	+ 1		
246	198	Community H	243½		4.2	14.0
37	29	CrestaCare	35		2.8	13.6
113	79	Ennvomed	84	- 1	2.4	10.7
86	60	Ferraris Group	77		3.7	10.5
166	137	Goldsborough	165	+ 1	2.5	14.8
10	9½	Greenacre	10		4.4	12.9
618	428	Huntign Tect	610		1.2	*
77	45	Inlexcare Gp	67		6.5	12.1
282	235	Isoon	282		2.4	16.3
147	129	Life Sciences	146	+ 2	3.8	13.5
113	85	Lon Intl	110	- 1		
63	41	Nestor-BNA†	62		6.4	
1½		Premier Health	¼			
279	230	Quality Care	279	- 2	2.0	13.8
169	118	Scholl	169	+ 1	4.7	
376	320	Seton Health	375		2.4	
56	32	Shield Diag	48			
175½	152	Smith & Nephew	169½	- ½	3.9	19.3
13	7	Specialeyes	13			
228	185	Takare	213		1.3	14.7
285	234	UniChem†	280		3.2	14.5
351	293	West Hlthcare	318		1.9	16.5

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
203	189	Airsprung	195		3.1	12.6
152	125	BLP Group†	150	..	2.5	
36	29	Briston Brsh	34			
108	68	Cmsll Plr 'A'	59		9.1	
170	130	Creighton Nt	132	+ 1	7.3	9.3
166	141	Denby Group	166		2.3	18.0
135	130	Gaskell†	133		4.0	
5	2	Lionheart	2¾			
206	160	Mayborn†	203		3.9	12.4
293	243	Orrtaine Intl	277		4.8	12.5
450	363	Osborne & Little	440		2.1	13.4
450	403	Paterson Zch	418		4.2	12.8
420	365	Paterson Zch A	379		4.6	11.6
664	584	Reckitt Colm†	658	+ 1	3.5	58.0
291	258	Relyon	281		3.1	
285	244	Royal Doulton†	269		3.5	14.6
216	148	Silentnight	213	- 3	4.7	13.8
32½	28	Stoddard	31		6.5	11.7
210	165	Tomkinsons	165	- 3	8.9	19.8
130	103	Victoria Carpet	104		5.4	5.9
108	94½	Walker Greenbr†	99		4.5	16.4
60	51	Waterd Wdgwd	57		1.9	
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155		3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1157¼	Alex & Alex	1637¼	- 37¼	3.5	
2150	1787¼	Am Genl	2100	- 12½	3.3	
95	76	Angerstein	95	- 4	2.6	8.2
63	54	Archer	57	- 1	3.6	
99	81	Bradstock	82	..	8.7	9.3
556	385	Britannic	556	- 3	3.1	
96	84	CLM Insce	93½	- 2½		
597	473	Com Union	594	- 12	5.5	11.0
103	78	Delan	103	- 11	1.8	
1660	1325	Dom & Gen	1420		2.5	15.2
180	158¼	FBD IE	173½	+	4.2	
164	139	Fenchurch Grp	155		5.5	10.3
100	82	Finsbury Under	100	+ 6	6.3	64.5
600	499	Gen Accident	593	+ 5	6.1	9.7
199	160½	GRE†	198	+ 3	5.2	
95	73	GCD Lloyds	95	+ 4	2.8	
249	227	Hamm C E	245		8.2	
219½	203½	Heath	216½	-	4.1	
111	88	Hiscox Select	98	+ 2	3.2	36.6
286	256	Independent	286		4.4	*
208	178	Irish Life	201	+ 1	6.6	17.7
135	118	JB Group	127		4.6	11.3
102	99	Kiln Capital	101		5.6	
503	414	Legal & Gen†	501	+	5.5	22.1
1856½	1296¼	Liberty Life	1734½	- 3½	7.5	
103	92	London Ins Mkt	101		2.5	35.2
174	142	Lloyd Thomp	174	+	5.9	12.3
410	317	Lloyds Abbey	409	- 6	6.6	13.7
352	303	Lndn & Manr	340	+ 5	5.3	17.9
103	92	Lndn Ins Mkt	101	-	2.5	35.1
169	144	Lowndes Lmb	166		5.8	10.2
5300	4787½	Marsh McLn	#375	- 62½	3.7	
100	79	Macthead	100	+ 4		
181	143	Nelson Hurst	146		5.7	11.5
88	65	New London Cap	88	- 6	1.4	
51	34	Odon	40		9.4	
110	90	Onk	99		6.9	
78½	66	Premium Trust	78½	+ 3½	5.0	30.2
111	85	Prmium Under	111	+ 6		
337½	290	Prudential†	334	-	5.4	15.6
36	13	PWS	16		2.4	
343	241	Refuge	343	+ 2	4.5	22.8
234	251	Royal	224	+ 3	4.6	5.6
169	146	Sedgwick	153		5.3	15.6
122	98	Steel Burrill	100		11.2	8.9
356	281	Sun Alliance	343	- 1	5.8	10.5
90	66	Syndicate Cap	83	- 6	1.8	70.9
75	61	Trade Indemnity	72	- 1	1.7	32.0
344	302	Transatlantic	333		5.0	22.8
610	458	Ud Friendly	588	- 3	4.3	15.0
170	135	Willis Corroon	166	+ 4	5.0	*
24	19	Windsor	21		5.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	333	3i	357	- 1½	2.6	
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	72½	- ½	0.3	..
85	73	Abtrust High Inc	77½		9.7	
218	182	Abtrust N Dawn	214	- 2	0.5	
1888	1682	Alliance	1875	+ 10	3.3	
271	239	American Trust	265½	+ 1½	2.6	
438	391	Anglo & O'seas	435	- 1	2.1	
151	113	Baillie Gifford Sh	118½	- ½	...	
197¾	172	Bankers†	195	- 1	2.5	
44¾	32	Baring Em Eu	43½	+ ¼	0.3	
329	300	Baring Tribune	328	+ 1	2.6	
91	84½	Br Assets†	88½		6.2	
92½	83	Br Empire Sect	92½	+ 1	1.3	
33	25	Br Empire Wts	33	+ 1		
221	194	Br Inv	219½	+ 1½	3.0	
101	74½	Brazilian	90½	+ 1	0.4	
240	211	Brunner	236½	+ 1½	2.9	
132½	120½	BZW Conv	127½		7.6	
415	318	Candover	407		3.8	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth†	42½		1.3	
176	144	Child & Eastern	175	+ 2	2.5	
188	161	City Asset	179		2.1	
80	76	Dartmr Inv Inc	78	...	12.7	
310	278	Derby Cap	308	+ 5		
186	155	Derby Inc	157		13.4	
76	51	Drayton Blue	67		17.1	
108	88	Drytn Eng Intl	107	+ 1	0.9	
151	122	Drytn Far East	148	+ 1	0.6	
694	617	Dunedin Inc G	680	+ 4	4.8	
91	80	Dunedin Japan	82	+ ½		
305	296	Dunedin Smlr	304	+ 1½	3.7	
42	22	Dunedin Wts	39			
750	678	Dunedin Wwde	739	+ 4	1.6	
105	82¾	Edin Dragon	103½	+ 1		
43½	27½	Edinburgh Inca	32½		0.2	
319	281	Edinburgh†	311	+ 2	3.8	
162	127	EFM Japan	126	+ ½		
333	307	Electra Inv	328	+ 2	2.8	
204	180	Electric Gen	200		2.0	
189	174	Eng & Caledon	188	+ 2	2.6	
126	108	English Scot	126	+ 3		
307	273	European Asset	305	+ 1	2.1	
169	147½	Fidlty Euro Val	167½	+ ½	0.2	
83	65	Fidlty Jap Val†	69	- ½	0.2	
94	81	Fidty Spec Val	93			
158	149	Fleming 'A'	158	+ 1	2.5	
79	62	First Spanish	78		0.4	
298	267	Fleming Amer	293	+ 4	0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	71	+ 2	0.9	
38	22	Fleming Ch Wts	38	+ 2		
232	198	Fleming Clavert	230		3.1	
319	288½	Fleming Cont	317	+ 1	1.3	
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	149	+ 1		
224	199	Fleming Enterp	224	+ 3	2.7	
337	278½	Fleming F East	335	+ 2	0.6	
360	327	Fleming Fledg	359		1.0	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	104	+ 1	5.4	
87	67	Fleming Indian	78	+ 1	1.4	
46	33	Fleming In Wts	46			
39	29	Fleming Intl	38	...	11.7	
258	208	Fleming Japan	221			
276	252½	Fleming Merc	275	+ 1½	3.1	
92	72½	Fleming Nat Res	83			
307	289	Fleming Oseas	297	+ 1	1.8	
141½	124	Foreign & Col	140	+ ½	1.7	
107	91	For & Col Inc Gwth†	105		3.9	
120½	83	Frgn Emg Mkts	116½	+ 1		
73	67½	Frgn Enterprise	72½		1.4	
235	204½	Frgn Eurost	234		0.7	
130	115	Frgn German	123		0.5	
318	277	Frgn Pacific†	310	+ 1	1.1	
130	120	Frgn PEP	128½		3.4	
171½	153	Frgn Smaller	171½	+ ½	1.5	
107	90	Frgn US Smlr	105½	+ 1½		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19			
46	39	Fulcrum Inc	41		26.4	
152	141	Fulcrum Zero	152			
204	188	Gartmore Brit†	203		4.5	
155	127	Gartmore Euro	152		0.7	
96	84	Gartmore Smdt	94	+ 1	12.8	
228	207	G'more Smlr Cost	228	+ 1	3.2	
100	84	Geared Inc Inv†	86		12.0	
158	138	Genl Cons Cap	157			
111	104	Genl Inc	111		10.5	
101	86	German Invt	97		0.3	
232	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	221	+ 4	0.1	
119½	88	Gov Emg Mkts	104		0.3	
152	135	Govett Am Smlr	146	+ 2		
85	71	Gov Glob Smlr	79	- 1		
85	70	Govett High Inc	83	+ 1	8.4	
381	322	Govett Oriental†	355	+ 1	0.4	
256	223	Govett Strategic†	256	+ 3	3.3	
403	381	Greenfriar	401		2.1	
19	6¼	Gresham House	8¼			
244	191	GT Japan	212		0.7	
128	113	H Govett Smlr Co	128	+ 2	1.0	
124	113	Hend High†	118		6.0	
292	258	Hend Strata	283	+ 1	0.2	
98	80	Herald	98	+ 3	0.6	
107	77	HTR Jap Smaller	79	+ 5	0.7	
16	12	IBS Ext	15			
131	93	IBS UK Smlr†	112	+ 1	5.1	
130	118	Inv Cap†	130		5.0	
87	78	Intl Biotech	78			
32	20	Intl Wts	30			
149	122	INVESCO Korea	139			
96	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	90		8.2	
94	83	J Fry Euro U	85		7.1	
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	192			
115	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	114		3.7	
222½	194	Klwnt Chrt	222½	+ 1½	2.9	
121	96¼	Kleinwort E Mkt	113			
118	110	Klwnt End	114			
81½	73	Klwnt Euro Pvt	80½	+ 1	0.3	
27½	21½	Klwnt Euro Wts	25½	+		
88	74	Klwnt H Inc†	84		11.9	
249½	213	Klwnt O'seas	245	+ 2	1.7	
130	111	Klwnt Smlr	130	+ 2	2.1	
125½	71	Latin American	108½	+ 1½		
810	718	Law Debenture	805	+ 8	3.2	
106	94	Lazard H Inc	96½		8.3	
92	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	92			
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	26		17.5	
118	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	118		3.9	
175	160	Lon St Lawrence	174		4.5	
90	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	89		4.6	
320	283	Lowland†	315		3.8	
1387½	1125	Lydenburg	1125		2.0	
615	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	598	+ 3		
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	120		25.0	
2800	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2785	+ 10		
313	243	M&G Dual Inc	253			
66½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62½		10.2	
30½	26¼	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29			
37½	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34		18.9	
125	116	M&G Inc Package	123		5.1	
61½	54¼	M&G Inc Zero Div	61			
30½	27	M&G Rec Cap	29½			
61½	55½	M&G Rec Geared	56½		8.6	
30	28	M&G Rec Inc	29		17.8	
136	127	M&G Rec Parge	136		3.6	
84½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	83½			
116	100	M Currie Euro	113		0.3	
140	119	M Currie Pac†	138	+ 2	0.1	
202	152	Mayadia	202	+ 1½	3.3	
57	42	Manaih	42			
275	241	Mercantct	274	+ 1½	5.2	
89½	78¼	Mercury Euro Pv	87¼	-	0.9	
32	22¼	Mercury Eur Wt	29½			
95	78	Mercury World	86	- 1	1.0	
31	14½	Mercury Wld Wts	19½	- 1		
547	482	Monks Inv Tst	544	+ 1	1.6	
145	125	Morg Gren Inc	143		4.3	
53	40½	Morg Wts	49			
66	48	Morg Latn Amer	67½	+ 1		
49	20	Morg Wts	35½	- 1		
120	104	Murray Eur▼	130	- 1	2.2	
34	23	Murray Exc Wts	28			
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	85			
40	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	30	+ ½		
61	54	Murray Euro	58½		0.7	
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	12½			
344	308	Murray Income	344	+ 2	4.4	
345	296	Murray Intl	345	+ 3	4.6	
170½	162½	Murray S/C DP	170½	+ 1		
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	150			
81	73½	Murray S/C Inc†	75		17.7	
3150	2900	Murray S/C Ulst	3025		4.4	
460	378	Murray Small	451	+ 9½	1.2	
361	308	Murray Ventr	360		4.6	
18	16	Newmarket	18			
59	53	Nthrog Inc	59		10.4	
79	61	Nthrog Cap	76			
355	316	O'seas Inv Tst	352	+ 3	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	174½	+ ½		
539	362	Pacific Assets	528	+ 8	0.3	
445	268	Pacific Wts	432	+ 7		
95	75	Perpetual Jap	82½			
238	216	Perpt Uk Sm Co	238	..	1.2	
8900	8425	Personal Assets	8850		2.9	
125	107	Pilot Inv	112	+ 1	1.7	
81	78	Piper Euro Sm	82			
101	87¼	Prolific Inc	100½	+ ¼	0.9	
180	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	179		1.1	
29½	26½	River Merc Am Cap	29½			
101	97	River Merc Am Inc	100	...	9.9	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	8			
125	114	River Merc Cap	123			
96	77½	River Merc Ex Inc†	95	+ 1	10.3	
16	9	River Merc Ex Incltt	12			
83	78	River Merc Grd Inc†	82	..	11.5	
30	25½	River Merc Grd Pf	26½			
111	106	River Merc Tst Inc	111		10.4	
129	112	River Merc Sm Co	128	+	4.0	
34	20	River Merc Sm Wt	34	+ 1		
417	394	Robeco	417		3.3	
435	398	Rolinco	435		1.7	
89	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	77	- ½		
44	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	34½			
879	635¾	Schrod Korea Fd	652½	- 1½	0.2	
463½	295½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	302¾	- ¾		
118½	109½	Sch Spl Zero Div	118			
30	24½	Sch Spl Fd Cap	25			
113	101	Sch Spld Fd Inc†	101½	...	9.2	
103	88	Schrod UK Gwth	101	..	1.9	
36	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	34			
232	200	Scot	228	+ ½	2.8	
184½	147½	Scot Amercan†	164	+ 1½	3.8	
292	216	Scot Asian	291	+ 6		
765	555	Scot Wts	765	+ 40		
86½	74½	Scot Eastern	85½	+ ½	2.3	
237	206	Scot Mtge†	235	+ 2	2.3	
92	78½	Scot Nat Tst	85½		11.0	
112	100	Scot Value†	109		2.3	
1700	1483	Second Alliance	1687	+ 4	3.2	
89	76	Secs Tst of Scot	89	+ 1	4.7	
143	124	Selective Asset	127½		1.6	
132	123	SHRESCOT†	131		5.4	
37½	31½	Sphere Inv†	37		13.1	
336	289	St Andrew Inv	325		3.2	
361	318	Temple Bar	360	+ 2	4.8	
106	90	Thmn Asian E	103½		0.6	
48	16½	Throg Dual Cp	45			
82½	68	Throgmorton	82½	+ 1½	3.5	
124	98	Tpton Emg Mkt	124	+ 1	0.7	
156½	139½	TR Cty Of Lon†	156½	+ 1	4.2	
178	159	TR Euro Growth	177		1.2	
159	127	TR Far East	158	+ 3	4.7	
114	80	TR Pacific	110½	+ 1	0.2	
31½	27½	TR Property	29½		3.8	
193	171	TR Smlr Cos	192½	+ 1	2.5	
119	100	TR Tech Inv	119		1.8	
241	177	Turkey Trust	218		1.1	
238	217	USDC Invest	237		2.4	
107	93	Undervalued Asst	106	+ ½	2.1	
119	108	Value Inc Tst	115½		4.8	
36	30½	Warrants & Val	32½			
64	56	Wigmore†	57		1.6	
239	211½	Witan	238	- 1	3.2	
99	86	Yeoman Inc	88	- 1	19.5	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	25	Abrdn Sth H	25			
449	409	Airtours	417½	- 1½	3.6	9.1
27	17	Ald Leis	25			
152	133	Alpha Airprt†	151	+ 2	3.8	
47	38	Arcadian†	41	- 2	2.4	
163	111	Baltimore	163		3.1	12.1
235	213	Barr & Wall†	213		6.5	9.4
360	210	Bluebird Toys†	219	- 2	4.6	6.1
365	333	Boosey Hawst	365		2.0	21.0
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2¾			
185	150	Bristol Scotts	150		3.8	22.1
39½	12	Casket Plc	16		8.6	8.9
259	251	Chrysalis	258	+ 1		
86	70½	City Centre Rest	84½	+ ½	5.0	16.9
351	305	Compass Gp	350	+ 2	2.5	18.1
334	238	Eurocamp	284		4.6	12.7
250	118	Euro Disney	225	+ 4		
165	93	Euro Leisure	115	..	..	
450	363½	Fairline Boats	407	+ 7	5.3	18.5
124	105	First Choice	120		4.0	31.4
299	262	First Leisure	296		3.0	18.8
251½	224½	Forte†	241	- 1	3.9	24.7
175	143	Friendly Hotels†	146		4.9	
592	476	Granada	585	- 5	2.1	17.4
125	108	Groupe Chez Ger	124		0.8	17.2
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	34	..	5.9	
135	96	Hornby	113		5.5	21.2
195¼	156¼	Jurys Hotel	193¼	+ ¼	3.5	17.5
21	14¼	Kunick	19¼	- ¼	4.8	21.2
316	264	London Clubs	311	- 5	5.5	
187½	161	Ladbroke†	184		4.1	55.9
64	41	Magnolia†	47		0.3	
160	122	Man Utd	148	+ 3	3.6	12.4
97½	64¼	Mandarin Orntl	79½	+ 1	4.4	17.5
12½	9¼	My Kinda Town	9¾	- ¼	1.3	78.8
82	66	Northern†	80		6.2	13.3
85	70	Pelican Gp	83		1.9	17.3
152	121	PizzaExpress	151	+ 2	1.7	18.7
111	80	Prism Leisure	80		8.5	5.7
270	217	Ransdens (H)	268		2.1	31.2
441	358	Rank Org	427	- 3	3.9	21.0
32	26	Ryan Hotels IE†	30½		5.3	
950	905	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	913		1.0	
89	76	Stakis	86		2.3	20.2
394	341	Stanley Leisure	365	+ 4	1.9	20.0
346	280	Tamang	348		1.0	
1225	997	Thorn EMI	1220	+ 10	3.6	19.6
169	117	Tottenham Hot	128	+ 2	1.0	13.3
183	161	VCI†	182	- 1	2.9	
156	129	Vardon	152	- 1	1.2	21.4
6½	2½	Wembley	2½			
135	96	Zetters Gp	114		10.4	8.9

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead†	364		2.5	23.5
310	276	Adscene	295	+ 2	3.0	18.5
29½	22	Aegis Gp	26½			11.4
7¼	2¼	Allied Radio	2¾			
13	11	BBB Design	11	..		30.4
208	155	Barbour Index	208	+ 3	5.2	18.6
6¼	5	Birkdale	5			
335	315	Black (A&C)†	328		5.3	11.6
253	174	Blenheim Grp†	231	- 4	5.6	14.2
233	196	Border TV	225	- 1	2.4	19.7
388	359	Bristol	352		4.4	35.8
290	242	B Sky B	272	- 1		51.2
150	126	CIA Gp	149		1.6	22.7
30	22½	Caledonian Med	29	- 1		
442	343	Capital Radio	442	+ 16	2.4	25.0
975	851	Carlton Comm	959	- 11	2.7	17.6
91	85	City of Lon	91	+ 1	6.0	13.9
149	83	Cordiant	105			17.5
1425	1330	Daily Mail	1421½	...	1.4	24.1
1200	959½	Daily Mail 'A'	1184½	+ 9½	1.7	20.1
405	395	Dorling Kind†	382	- 2	1.1	36.1
440	385	EMAP	438	+ 5	2.5	24.2
730	584½	Elsevier	717½	- 28¼		
1655	1405	Euromoney Pb	1405	- 35	3.9	19.8
12	10	Filtch	12			
415	333	Flextech	401			
133	109½	GWR Gp	133	+ 10	1.5	28.4
169	143	Gold Greenless	165½	- ½	3.0	20.0
28	18	Goodhead	18		0.3	
320	261	Grampian†	315	- 2	3.6	
202	192	HTV Group†	196	- 6	1.4	28.6
50	17	Harrington K	39		3.2	
358	288	Haynes Pub	283	..	3.8	16.3
372	298	Hodder H'line	372		2.0	
162	140	Home Counts	140		4.9	
288	248	Independent	288	..	3.8	13.8
278	228	Intl Bus Comm†	278	..	2.9	13.6
135	115	Intereurope	115	..	8.5	29.7
148	138	Johnston Press	146	- 1	1.7	18.5
21	15	Lopex†	20	..	1.6	
92	63	MAID	88	- 1	..	76.7
565	528	Metal Bulletin	552		2.7	25.1
126	109	Midland Ind†	115	- 1	3.6	12.9
148	120	Mirror Grp	136	- 4	3.2	9.4
445	344	Moss O'Ferrall	440		3.8	20.4
353	231	News Corp	344	+ 7	0.4	22.8
320	207	News Intl	315		0.9	6.2
35	26	Osprey Comms	26		1.0	19.1
619	539	Pearson	586	+ 3	3.2	17.2
270	175	Phonelink	255			
606	580	Portsmth Sund	593		2.5	12.2
250	210	Quarto†	240		3.3	11.5
862	712	Reed Intl	847	+ 5	3.2	
499	404	Reuters	481	+ 5	2.1	23.1
273	222¼	Scott Radio	273	+ 9	2.6	21.6
483	393	Scot TV†	454	- 25	3.9	
32	20½	SelecTV	27½	- 1		48.3
41	32	Shanwick	38	..	4.3	8.7
244	222	Southnews	239		1.8	24.0
98	30	Sterling Pub	35		18.2	2.4
127	130	Sunset & Vine†	124	- 1	4.0	10.5
38	33½	Taylor Nelson†	35	+ ½	2.3	
453	355	Telegraph	392	+ 1	4.1	16.8
885	725	Thomson Corp†	865		4.4	14.3
374	332	Trinity Intl	358		3.7	14.9
836	632	Ulster TV†	811	- 22	3.1	19.4
546	464	Utd Newspapers†	517	- 7	5.6	13.6
106	88	VTR†	104		6.0	10.8
13½	8	WMGO	8	..	16.7	2.7
118	101	WPP	117		1.2	14.7
538	366	Yorkshire TV†	485	- 35	1.0	52.0

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3893¾	Ang Am Coal	4181¼		2.7	
3740¾	2848¾	Ang Am	3456¼	- 25	2.1	32.1
6487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5125	- 59¾	4.7	
27½	22	Anglo Pac Res	27½			
1600	1271¼	Ashanti	1534¾	- 3½	1.0	18.2
117	93	Aouton	106	- 3	4.7	
245	155	Bateyrnk	200			
422	337½	Beatrix	397¼	- 1	4.8	21.0
34	29	Bezeo	30		3.0	
117½	83½	Blyvoors	94¼	- 4¼		
37	27	Bougainville	31			
18	9½	Bracken	9½		9.0	
583½	353½	Buffels	370	- 5	14.2	
4	1½	Butte	2¼			
917	781	CRA	864	+ 10	3.2	21.0
56	43	Central Pacific	55			
56	41	Cluff Res	52			
120	76	Coal Inv	102	- 2		
225	163	Cons Murchison	163	..	3.7	4.5
1800	1262½	De Beers	1700	+ 25	3.6	15.4
108¼	56	Deelkraal	56	- ¼	6.2	5.1
69¼	32¼	Doornkrtnein	40½			
971¼	734½	Driefontein	819½	- 2	6.5	11.4
795½	568	Durban	644½	- 1½		
168½	127¼	E Rand Gold†	145	- ½	14.2	
76½	55½	E Rand Prop	55¾	-		
70	45	Eastern Trans	62		3.6	15.4
450½	275½	Elandsrand	275½	-	4.0	8.3
398	330	Eng China Cl†	383	+ 3	5.2	19.6
979½	620½	FS Const	637½	- 1½	7.5	
62	38	FS Dev	45			
2081½	1416¼	GFSA	1650	- 15¼	3.0	12.7
80	40	GM Kalgoorli	50	- 1	2.1	19.2
227½	188½	Gencor	203¼	- ½	1.6	23.5
152	118	Gold Fields Prop	144	..	7.2	6.6
16½	12½	Greenwich P A	14½	-		
163½	122½	Grootvlei	122¼	-		
94¼	46¾	Gwalia Cons	83¼	- 5¼		
619½	469¾	Harmony	469¾	- 5¾		
296½	183½	Harties	183¼	- 13¼	14.0	5.9
1575	1150	Impala Plat	1393¼	- 12½	1.6	42.8
132	83	Kinross	100		12.0	9.0
1087½	606½	Kinross	612½	- 9¼	19.7	6.2
948¾	630¾	Kloof	672¼	- 13¼	5.3	6.5
124½	79	Leslie	79½	- ½	13.0	4.8
288	174½	Lorame	224¾	-	..	
21	12	Maestriciana	14	- 1		
3	3	Minorco	3			
113	79	MIM	84	..		
1782½	1250	Minorco	1575		2.7	19.6
181	130	Monarch	125	+ 5		
110	90	Mozaique	113	+ 15	3.5	6.5
103	92	NSM	101			8.5
174	133	Nth Brkn Hill	149	- 2	3.4	22.6
50	50	Oryx Gold	50			
88	66	Pancontinental	66			
265	123	Pealing Tin	194	- 3	1.1	
182	123	Placer Pac	141	+ 1		
431	317	RJB	396	...	3.5	
833	721	RTZ†	824		3.5	14.8
32	26	Rockwood	26	- 1		
725	562½	Rand Mines	725		1.0	
727¾	321	Randfontein	334¼	- 8¼	14.2	4.4
240	175	Renison	190			
1753¼	1265¼	Rustenbg	1375	+ 3½	2.1	33.4
77	48	St Barbara	48		2.9	12.5
623¼	436	St Helena	529	- 13¼	11.2	
280	207	Sons Gwalia	255	- 5	4.5	17.2
23	16	Sthrn Pacific	16			
1848½	1353¾	Southvaal	1458¼	- 3¼	5.4	19.6
123	74½	Stilfontein	95¼	- ½	24.1	3.0
194	123¼	Unisel	141¼	- ½	6.7	6.8
5800	3359¼	Vaal Reefs	3675	- 87½	5.8	6.1
12½	8	Waikite Col Z	12½	..	9.9	3.0
1½	¼	Water Hall	1½	...		2.3
533	473	Watts Blake†	500		3.4	17.7
2587½	1831¼	Western Deep	1694¾	- 37¼	4.6	6.8
379	302	Western Mng	344	- 1	1.6	36.9
881¼	562½	Winkels	571¼		8.4	7.9
48	34	Zambia Copper	36			
53	36	Zandpan	38		11.3	9.8

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47	42½	Aran Energy	43¼			
40¼	19	Arcon Intl A	21			
58½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	50¼	-		
58	47	Aviva Pet	49	..	..	
285	220	Br Borneo†	274		3.4	12.6
317¼	280½	British Gas†	296	- 1½	6.1	32.5
471	392	Br Petroleum†	451	+ ½	3.9	13.8
3	2¼	Buts Resources	2¼			
914	815	Burmah Castrl†	914	+ 12	4.1	16.0
96	71	Cairn Energy	95			
280	252	Calor Grp†	265	+ 5	5.9	13.9
49	36	Clyde Pet	46½		2.7	20.8
11½	5¾	Copiex Res	10½	+ ½		
2¼	1¼	Dragon Oil	1¾			
22	18½	Edin Oil & Gs	19			31.7
424	372½	Enterprise†	416	+ 2	4.8	38.5
280	230	Flogas†	235		5.2	
7¾	5	Fortune	7¼			
75	62	Goal Pet	74		2.5	24.2
42	22	Gt Western Res	22	...		16.6
178	128	Hardy O & G	174		0.7	22.3
55	38	Kelt Energy	50			
180	139	Lasmo	156		0.8	
58	33	Lasmo Units	39		26.8	
65	59½	Monument	64½	...		58.8
7½	4½	New London	4¾			
2675	2134¾	Norsk Hydro	2568¾	+ 31¼	1.6	14.5
5	3	Oceonics	3¼			
48	38	Oil Search	46			
36½	27½	Petroz	36	+ ¼		
28¼	23	Premier	27½	...		18.7
43	11	Presidio	11			
98	88	Pittencrieff Rs	92	- 1		
369	221	Ramco Egy	358	- 3	0.4	
453	356	Ranger	415	- 5	4.9	
8085½	6865½	Royal Dtch Pl	7831¼	+ 81¼	4.5	14.9
4196¾	3218¾	Schlmberger	4034¾	- 81¼	2.4	
49	29	Scott Pickford	34		3.3	8.5
103	84	Seafield	100			
774	687	Shell†	767	+ 4½	4.4	17.1
116	116	Sueleo Eng Sv	#116			
4228½	3234¾	Total	3821½	+ 3½	3.8	
10½	8½	Vikers Grp	10			
264	221	Woodside	254	+ 1	1.4	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
96	75	BWD	84		6.2	8.1
132	126	Baltic Plc	132		2.8	7.1
78	50	Berry Bch Nbl	53	+ 1	6.2	
159	148	Blouse Inv	159	+ 2		
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	149	+	4.2	11.3
664	625	Caledonia	645		3.2	17.8
2400	2125	Camellia	2281¼	- 19¼	1.9	6.1
22½	16½	Carlisle	17½		2.6	15.6
191	142	Canest	195	- 6½	7.6	16.8
35	23	Chrosbe	13½			50.6
17	13½	EFG†	17		4.6	
79	61	EFT Group	75		2.0	15.3
275	161	ERM	153	- 3	4.5	8.3
186	153	Exco†	95	- 1	3.5	54.9
86	57	First Nat Fin	73½		3.6	11.9
185	161	Gartmore	185		6.5	14.6
379	256	Govett	330		5.0	15.7
1148	963	Henderson Ad	1130	..	2.8	19.5
211	162½	Invesco†	208	- 1	4.8	14.7
49	43	Investment Co	46		4.4	16.6
231	200½	Ivory Sime	213		4.4	6.9
248½	196½	Jardine Strat	210½	+ ½	3.3	5.8
144	95	Johnson Fry†	104	..	7.2	14.1
166	137	Lon Forfaiting	139	+ 6	3.9	17.3
132	116	Lon Scot Bk	168	- 1	6.4	9.2
175	153	Man ED & F	168	- 1	5.4	19.3
1145	983	M & G	1103	..	3.8	13.1
272	224	MAI	260	- 8½	..	2.5
106	88	MAI 6.9% Cv Pf†	98½	- 2½	7.5	
908	680	MAM†	819	+ 11	4.0	
130	96	Nat Home Loan	112	- 3		
1500	1150	Perpetual†	1385		3.3	14.8
592	515	Provident	589		4.3	14.5
310	245	Rathbone Bros†	309		3.6	
28½	24½	Rutland Tst	25	..	4.9	11.3
324	281	S & U†	289	- 5	5.4	8.7
240	135	Sharelink	233		4.9	8.1
133	105	SJP Capital	122		3.1	8.7
499	410	Smith New Ct	430	- 1	2.9	5.0
78	60	Towry Law	61	..	9.4	14.6
35	16	Tho Hldgs	16		0.8	26.3
26	21	Western Selectn	21		1.5	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	523	+ 5		
345	103	Cantab Pharma	138			
308	233½	Celltech	304			
144	92½	Chiroscience	141			
45	31	Cortecs	45	+ 1		
191	103	Fisons†	178	- ½	3.0	
749	587	Glaxo Wellcome	712	+ 2	4.9	16.4
124	100	Grampian Hog†	130	+ 2	6.0	15.4
264	162	Medeva†	234	- 1	1.8	16.0
1½	¼	Premier Health	¼			
279	230	Quality Care	279	- 2	2.0	13.5
428	273	Scotia	408			
532	444	SmithKline†	500	+ 1½	3.3	14.8
513	416	Smithkline Ulst	480	+ 1	3.3	14.3
1080	650	Wellcome	1056		2.7	21.9
939	840	Zeneca	937	+ 2	3.8	21.2

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdings†	127	..	5.4	12.4
444	377	APT	442		2.7	19.2
283	219	Arjo Wiggins†	270		3.4	14.3
170	162	Aspen Comms†	170		3.9	15.2
412	347	Bemrose	412		3.9	13.6
482	387	Bowater†	475	+ 4	3.6	14.8
2518¾	1675	Bowater Inc	2496¾	+ 40¾		
304	260	Boxxons Ind▼	299	+ 3	1.9	15.7
559	474	Br Polythene†	558	- 3	3.1	14.9
40	22	Br Thornton	36	- 2	6.9	3.2
148	112	Brown Grp†	147	+ 1	2.1	16.8
201	159	Bunzl†	188	+ 1	3.3	15.6
156	139	Capital Indst	149		3.9	10.6
2731½	2046½	Carnaud Mtl	2696¾	+431¼	2.0	
292	237	Cropper (James)	239		1.8	12.6
1054	864	De La Rue	940	+ 2	2.8	17.1
90	52	Delyn Group	64		3.5	
106	93	Dolphin Pack†	106	- 1	5.3	
92	81	Fairway Group	89	+ 1	5.1	14.5
345	295	Ferguson Intl	341		5.8	
125	102	Ferry Pick	123		5.9	12.0
168	138	Inveresk	167	+ 1	4.1	15.3
336	345	Jarvis Porter	376	+ 9	2.8	
482	381	Low & Bonar	480	+ 2	3.0	16.0
54	50	MY Holdings†	51		4.2	12.4
283	229	Macfarlane†	274		2.1	20.1
180	150	Photobition	180		4.2	13.1
223	163	Phyau	217	- 5	4.0	35.4
375	324	St Ives Grp	373	+ 3	3.3	20.2
1329¾	978	Saupi	1261	- 3¼	0.4	
9½	6½	Sent	7½			
205	139	Sidlaw†	149	+ 2	9.2	10.9
550	490	Smith David	578	+ 2	2.6	17.6
405	355	Smurfit (Jeff)†	357	- 4	2.1	
99	92	Sonac	92		3.7	9.8
40	31	Und Group	35			
253	213	Wace	235		2.8	11.2
216	187	Waddington (J)	189		5.7	61.7
414	370	Watmoughs	403	+ 2	2.4	
150	136	Wyndeham	150		2.4	19.1

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	71	Allied Lon†	72		6.7	8.6
271	255	Argent	270			
77	67	Artesian Ests	67			
118	103	Asda	118		2.5	36.3
252	211	Billon†	243		5.1	17.4
215	176	Birkby	177		4.8	15.4
24	7	Bolton Gp A	21	- 1		
73	48	Bourne End†	56		2.5	
196	171	Bradford	175		4.9	14.7
123	113	Brightstone	115		4.0	53.8
389	354	Br Land	387	+ 1	2.5	36.7
197	164	Brixton†	194	+ 2	5.7	17.3
110½	81	Burford	107		2.0	28.4
101	97	CLS Hldgs†	99		4.3	13.4
152	131	Cap & Regnl†	151		1.7	
214	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	213		4.1	25.4
229	158	Cardiff Prop	158		2.1	36.1
29½	18	Cathay Intl	18½			
170	143	Chesterfield†	169		1.8	36.8
453	433	Chesterfield	450		3.7	
88	62	Chesterton Intl	64		6.4	10.8
53	45	City Site Ests	48	..		11.2
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7		3.6	10.5
77½	50	Compco	70	..	7.1	6.2
39	19	Con Rebbit	24		3.4	26.2
1195	1180	Daejan	1185		3.1	12.2
7	3½	Dares Estates	4½	+		
5½	3½	De Morgan	#5¼			
95	61	Debenham Twn	72		6.1	11.4
163	143	Derwent	144		3.2	23.6
281	225	Derwent Hldgs†	278		2.2	14.5
19½	13	Development Sect	14½	...	2.1	
46	35	Dwyer	36		2.6	17.0
33	26	Eleco	27			
370	250	Estates Agency	360	...	4.7	
23½	16	Estates Gen	16½			
112	82	Evans Of Leeds	102		3.2	17.0
25	19½	Ex-Lands	20		2.6	27.4
89	62	Fiscal Prop†	62		3.8	57.8
25	23½	Five Oaks†	24		3.1	10.1
32	19	Fletcher King	21		8.9	10.4
47	41	Folkes Group†	42		4.8	
45	34	Folkes Group nv†	41	...	4.8	
461	405	Frogmore	455	- 1	4.7	17.4
260	236	Grainger	260		2.8	14.3
183	164	Gt Portland	175	- 2	5.9	29.9
140	117½	Greycoat	138	..	0.5	
39	22	Hambro Cntry†	31	..	8.2	
347	310	Hammerson†	330	+ 1	3.8	23.7
379	300	Helical Bar†	315		2.8	
28½	22½	Hemingway†	26	...	1.9	20.4
21	7	Herring Baker	18			
50	31	High-Point	38	..	3.3	
141½	109	HK Land	130½	+ 6½	5.6	
160	153	Jermyn	160		0.4	
607	545	Land Sec	592	+ 7	5.1	16.9
325	305	London Intl	305		4.1	16.7
37	30	Lon & Assoc†	34		2.5	17.8
9	5½	Lon & Metro	6			0.2
95	86	Lon Merch Sec	95		5.5	15.7
407	365	MEPC	385	+ 1	6.5	22.5
7½	5½	McInerney A	6½			
165	130	McKay Secs	130	..	5.0	12.4
66	48	Merivale Mre	65	..	6.2	7.6
32	26	Moorfield Est	28	+ 2	4.5	13.2
1125	850	Mountview	975		2.9	7.5
148	124	Mucklow (A&J)†	135	..	5.9	17.6
1	½	ORB	¼	..		1.0
32	23	Olives Prop†	25		1.5	
143	125	PSIT	126	..	4.8	16.8
249	204	Peel	235	- 2	2.6	31.8
173	145	Pillar Prop	168	- 1	2.8	
2¼	1½	Power Corp	2¼			
6½	4¼	Premier Land	4¾	..		16.6
86	70	RPS Group	83		4.4	11.6
34	23	Raglan	28		4.6	
28	19¾	Regalian	19¾	...		4.7
155	100	Rowlinson Secs	128	..	1.8	9.1
101	96	Rugby Est†	98		2.8	
50	40	St Modwen Prp	49		4.1	8.8
65	54	Saville Grdn (J)	55		6.4	13.1
63	43	Savills	49		4.9	9.2
76½	67	Scot Met	76½		4.1	13.2
90	86	Shaftesbury	90		2.1	19.6
238	208	Slough Estates†	221	+ 2	4.8	24.8
210	185	Smart (J)	195		5.4	30.5
55	40	Southend Prop	41	+ 1	7.4	
110	103	Specity Shops	106	...	1.5	
42¾	36	TBI	40	..		1.9
167	160	Tops Ests	160		1.7	40.7
100	94	Town Centre†	98		3.9	17.5
89	79	Trafford Park	88		4.5	14.4
23	18	Trenchermood	18			7.1
48	38	UK Land	44			
217	192	Warner	199	+ 1	7.1	19.4
230	225	Warnford	230		4.2	19.0
74	63	Wates	69			
35	25	Watney Mick	26			
66	43	Wood John D	45		5.6	9.7
19	2	YRM	9½			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	64½	ASDA Group	81½	- ½	2.8	18.7
305	254½	Argyll	301	+ 1	4.8	12.8
582	456	Brake Bros†	579	..	1.5	19.4
37	23	Budgen	30		4.2	18.2
14½	11½	Callens	14½			
82¾	58¾	Dairy Farm Intl	65¾	+ ½	6.9	9.5
355	343	Fitzpak	350		2.5	18.1
73	38	Flowthon	45		6.4	19.0
110	98	Fylles	109	+ 1	1.7	15.6
199	154	Geest†	169		6.0	13.3
1188	1048	Greggs†	1135	..	2.5	15.9
189	142	Iceland Group†	175	- 4	3.8	10.5
611	519	Kwik Save†	588		4.1	11.0
16½	10	Merchant Retail	16			
147	132	Morrison (W)†	137	- 1	1.1	13.8
191	126	Nurdin Peacock†	187		4.6	
139	99	Park Foods	110	- 3	2.9	21.2
3	1½	Regina Hlds	1½			
447	402½	Sainsbury J†	432	- 1½	3.4	14.5
281	236	Tesco†	272		4.0	13.3
175	142	Thorntons	165		3.8	13.5
413	358	Watson& Philip	413		4.6	14.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	21	Alexon	26			
244	205	Alldays	237	- 5	3.5	13.4
434	324	Argos Plc	428	- 1	3.1	19.2
88	63	Ashley (Laura)	79	- 1½		
140	85	Asprey	80	..	9.5	6.6
225	205	Austin Reed	211		3.6	12.2
146	133	Beattie (J) 'A'†	141		5.7	15.6
132	111	Bentalls†	112		2.4	11.5
52	38½	Bettercare†	40	- ½	8.1	
38	38	Blacks Leis	38	+ 1	7.4	
194	139	Body Shop	136	- 3	2.2	11.0
545	465	Boots	516	- 14	3.7	16.5
240	80	Brown & Jackson	133			
238	205	Brown (N)	224		2.7	
86½	66	Burton	84½	- ½	3.0	21.9
150	92	Cantors	98	- 1	5.1	14.0
278	235	Caspellright	265		3.9	18.8
178	132	Christies Intl	166		1.6	38.2
480	450	Church	455		3.8	19.0
96	67	Clinton Cards†	85		6.9	8.3
110	84	C'try Casuals†	107		5.0	
813	763	Courts Furnish	773	+ 3	1.0	39.3
197	183	Crown Eyes	193		6.5	8.1
292	238	DFS Furniture†	291	+ 1	3.2	21.8
246	186	Dixons Grp	238	- 1	3.5	25.4
580	580	Dys (Wimbldn)	580	..	4.0	25.3

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
		[illegible]				11.7
10	[illegible]	EFA Gp	[illegible]		4.9	13.1
[illegible]	96	Essex Furn	[illegible]		4.6	17.1
[illegible]	170	Farm	[illegible]	- 3	5.1	*
[illegible]	329	Fine Art Dev	48			21.5
[illegible]	37	Fred Earn	[illegible]	- 1	2.2	14.2
113	91	Flying Flowers	101			12.1
[illegible]	255	French Conn	300		2.8	22.5
275	207	Frost Group	[illegible]		3.1	*
59	46	Gevest	[illegible]		2.7	12.8
141	112	Goldsmiths Gp	[illegible]	- 16	2.9	16.8
609	528	GUS	575		4.1	10.2
216	173	Hamleys	[illegible]		2.8	14.3
96	75	Hampden Grp	[illegible]		4.4	20.0
175	142	Hse of Fraser	[illegible]	- 6	4.6	*
83	74	Hughes (T)	[illegible]	+ 5	2.3	*
325	229	JJB Sports	260	- 6	4.1	14.6
488	379	Kingfisher†	450	..	1.2	42.7
150	95	Menace	143		3.7	29.3
315	208	Liberty†	218		5.6	7.1
305	184	Lloyds Chem	[illegible]	- 2	4.1	15.9
134	108	MFI	402½	- 10½	3.2	17.7
456½	371	Marks Spencer	544	- 1	2.8	12.9
545	500	Menzies (John)	453		3.4	*
438	338	Moss Bros†	[illegible]	+ 2½	3.4	17.3
331½	252	Next†	50	+ 1		
50	37	OEM	92		1.4	14.4
96	88	Ottver (G)	[illegible]		5.7	8.2
93	73	Partridge Fine	135		4.8	15.9
155	107	OS Hldgs†	15			
19	[illegible]	Rhino Gp	136		4.7	14.0
131	115	Rossbys	108½	- ½	4.6	15.8
113½	96	Sears†	13			
[illegible]	13	Signet Group	336	- 6	5.8	17.3
482	336	Smith WH	822		3.2	38.7
888	638	Sotheby's†	738	- 6	3.0	19.5
250	209	Storehouse	199		4.8	10.6
206	168	Stylo	170	- 3	4.8	*
173	143	T S S Stores†	125		2.3	13.1
125	92	Tie Rack	[illegible]	+ ¼	...	...
4½	1	Upton & South	485		2.4	22.1
502	424	Vendome	31		2.8	26.2
35	24	WEW Group†	58		3.2	12.4
67	57	Wld of Leather	180		3.4	17.3
181	155	Wyevale				

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
563	491	Allied Domecq†	524½	+ 4½	5.6	12.3
434	390	Bulmer (HP)	434	+ 3	3.2	23.5
121	99	Burn Stewart	106		5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	384½	- ½	4.7	17.1
480	404	Guinness†	474	+ 5	3.6	14.9
445	337	Highland Distl	359		2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glen	183		0.9	44.4
710	600	Macdn Mrtn A	665	- 10	1.9	28.6
615	532	Matthew Clark	613	..	3.8	29.1
88	61	Merrydown W	81		3.9	...
174	129	Taunton Cider	168		5.0	13.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	ACT Group	110		6.0	11.8
743	620	ADT	735	- 3	..	26.7
41	34	Alphameric	35	- 1		
74	43	Auto Sec	54	- 4		
128	101½	BET Ord	119¼		3.6	17.1
178	143	BNB Rest	163	- 4	4.2	14.3
270	230	BPP	270		4.4	17.6
166	131	BCM	163		4.9	12.7
5¼	¼	Black & Edg	¼			
800	500	Borland	762½			
215	105	Bnt Data Mgt	133		5.1	9.4
70	59	Brooks Service†	70		4.0	
98	75	CRT Grp	97		4.3	23.8
188	138	Capita Group	183	- 3	2.3	18.8
336½	277½	Chubb Sec	336	+ 7	2.4	18.6
265	223	Compt People†	265		1.4	32.8
86	61	Corp Services†	81		3.1	12.8
61	45	Coutts Cnsltg†	60		3.1	
246	204	Davis Service†	245		4.3	15.0
75	66	Dudley Jenkins	68	+ 1	6.2	12.9
94	34	EW Fact	38		18.2	5.3
143	136	El Data Pr	138		1.8	13.5
317	280	Hays†	317		2.5	18.9
190	145	Hogg Robinsn	180		5.1	17.6
1993½	1639¼	ISS B DKr	1993½	+ 9½	1.3	18.2
168	152	JBA Hldgs†	168		2.5	
264	227	Johnson Clean	264	+ 4	5.1	
111	88	Kalamazoo	98		4.4	11.1
308	239	Kewill Sys	305	+ 2	3.1	11.2
19	15	Lazer-Scan	15			
202	77	LBMS	202	+ 9		
5	3	Lep	3			
381	301	Logica	381	+ 3	1.8	20.5
107	65½	MDIS	92		8.5	20.2
208	194	MMT Compt	190		3.6	13.4
128	78	MR Data Mngt	90	- 2	7.7	11.1
450	368	Macro 4	450	+ 7	5.7	12.7
2140¾	1634¾	Manpower†	1812½	+ 28¾	0.4	
840	678	Micro Focus	705	..		22.0
129	102	Microgen	126		7.1	13.9
423	305	Misys	356		3.0	11.1
229	197	MITIE Gp	229		1.4	23.3
28	23	Novo Group	22½		1.1	6.6
25	17	OIS Intl	19	- 1	4.0	
24	18	Orbis	22		3.6	
104	74	P & P	101		3.2	12.4
129	110	Michael Page	127		3.0	14.2
149	106	Panty†	144	- 1	1.5	20.0
208	138	Pegasus†	195	- 5	3.2	14.5
110	90	Pettina	93		5.4	
73	44	Proudfoot	48	- 12	10.4	
305	260	RCO	270		7.4	9.8
41	33	Radius	40	...	3.3	13.9
183	150	Real Time	165		3.0	12.5
144	123	Reed Executive†	124		2.0	
155	142	Reliance Sec	155		4.0	23.6
263½	212½	Rentokil	262	+ 1	1.6	22.3
143	135	Ricardo Group	141		5.3	17.6
185	158	Rolfe & Nolan	165		3.0	26.3
990	662	Sage Grp†	955	+ 15	1.5	15.8
290	229	Salvesen (C)	266	+ 6	3.9	13.8
101	79	Sanderson Elec	97	- 1	4.1	12.3
15½	12	Select App	15½			
410	380	Serna Grp	382	..	1.3	18.2
293	238	Serco Gp	293		1.7	24.4
201	158	Servicart	191		2.5	
144	80	Sherwd Cmpt	138		1.8	
105	83	Skelchley	100	+ 6	4.4	
18½	11	Standard Ptnl	16			
189	167	Std-Plus	189		6.3	17.7
285	116	Unipalm	225			
16	11½	Vistec	15		3.3	8.2
49	40	WSP Hldgs	48		5.2	12.8
295	245	Warner Howell†	282		3.5	

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364½	BT	403	+ 2	5.6	15.5
427	350½	Cable Wireless	415	+ 5	2.8	17.0
1540	1480	Securicor	1495		0.3	34.1
1003	900	Securicor 'A'	974	+ 9	0.5	21.1
823	728	Security Serv	813	+ 13	1.0	22.7
188	147	Telewest	160½	- 4½		
212	177½	Vodafone	202¼	+ 2	1.9	26.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	53	+ 2	6.7	2.8
149	115	Alexdra Wt	147		5.1	16.6
259	223	Allied Txt	249	+ 1	3.5	15.0
84	72	Atkins	79	- ½	12.8	25.1
37	31	Automagic	31			7.8
245	200	Baird (Wm)†	234	- 2	5.0	16.0
47	36	Beckman (A)†	41		10.3	
263	229	Black (Peter)	263	+ 1	2.2	15.4
121	111	Bridport-Grdry†	116	+ 1	3.4	13.6
213	180	Br Mohair	212	+ 1	5.3	14.1
26	24	Campari	#25			
84	68	Cassidy Bros	72		4.8	9.2
185	171	Churmo Phipps	173	..	5.3	22.7
332	282	Claremont Grt	321		3.5	15.7
218	166	Coats Viyella†	205	- 4	5.2	14.0
507	410	Courtauld Text	491	- 10	3.8	15.2
135	120	Dallyon	120		6.2	6.2
124	92¼	Dawson	117		3.2	
175	129¼	Dewhirst (I)†	172	- 2	1.9	
41	30	Dickie Heel	35		5.0	10.1
38½	25	Drummond	36			16.1
25	13	Elbet	17			
60	50	Faupel	50		12.2	8.1
400	260	FII	400	+ 22	4.6	30.4
151	146	Forminster	151		2.7	12.7
21	17	Foster (John)	18½			
95	83	French	83	- 1	5.5	11.3
102	72	Gent SR	97		3.0	21.6
103	85	Haggas	101		3.7	13.8
17	7¼	Hartstone	14	- ½	2.9	
27	21	Helene Plc	23½		11.3	
241	213	Hickng Pntcst	229		2.7	16.2
28	21	Holttext	24½		3.1	
71	51	Honeysuckle	51	- 2	7.4	5.9
133	80	Horace Small	114½			8.2
218	187	Jacques Vert	217		3.0	9.0
71	56	Jerome (S)†	70	...	2.7	7.6
378	327	Jones Stroud	377		3.0	18.3
141	118	Lambert	131		6.8	10.1
357	283	Lamont	354	- 2	4.6	16.8
274	241	Leeds	260	..	3.0	13.5
73	63	Leslie Wise Gp	68	..	7.8	12.2
84	58	Lyles (S)	63		5.0	7.1
27	23½	Marling	24½		3.3	
10	10	PEX	10			
168	135	Parkland†	152	- 1	4.5	
128	102	Pentland†	128		3.0	19.5
73	56	Pittards	57	..	4.4	16.0
70½	58¼	Readicut	68	- 2½	6.6	
66	61	Ranhoe	63		5.6	6.7
51	43	Richards	48		5.3	
76	50	SEET	71	+ 5		
104	75	Sherwood Grt	103		3.9	13.4
142	123	Shiloh†	132		3.6	8.7
107	90	Sirdar	103		8.7	14.5
56	51	Stirling Gp	55½	- ½	4.4	15.4
21	13	Strong & Fisher†	14		8.9	10.3
40	34	Uk Safety†	40		8.1	40.3
173	114	Ulster (Frank)	161	+ 1	6.2	9.5
143	109	Wensum†	122	+ 2	4.5	13.3
280	244	Yorklyde	277		3.3	9.9

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air London†	69		6.3	13.1
768½	625¼	All Nippon Air	709½	- 3¼	0.3	
300	262	Assoc Br Ports	299		2.3	19.0
500	414	BAA	500	+ 10	2.3	19.1
155	130	Badgerline	144		3.9	14.6
100	42	Berkeley Bus	42			
438½	348	Br Airways	415½	+ 5½	3.8	10.4
51	25	Central Tran R	48	- 1		
115	93	Clarkson (H)†	110	..	2.3	
191	153	Clydeport†	190		2.3	17.5
167	142	Dart	167		2.9	16.1
233	193	Eurocopter	229		4.8	17.9
324	179	Eurotunnel Uts	191	- 3		
65	50	Fisher (James)	65		1.9	13.6
556	438	Forth Ports†	553	- 2	2.2	
285	230	GRT Bus	271		2.0	
226	166	Go-Ahead	223		2.2	34.0
250	199	Goode Durrant	246		3.2	19.3
135	102	IoM Steam	102		5.4	13.4
69	53	Jacobs	59	- 1	2.1	
77	67	Lon O'Seas Frs	75		0.8	13.1
440	358	Mersey Docks	438	- 2	3.0	17.3
189	158	NFC†	176	- 4	5.1	18.0
387	289	Natl Express	373	- 1	3.0	14.4
338	261	Ocean Group†	326	+ 4	5.5	21.4
83	68	Ocean Wilson	81		4.9	11.7
618	549	P & O Dfd†	584	- 9	6.4	15.8
193	167	P & O 5.5%†	192		3.6	
93	87	Seacon	91		3.3	47.0
238	196	Stagecoach	213	+ 1	2.5	21.2
110	79	TNT	91			
713	500	Tibbett & Britn†	535	+ 10	3.8	12.6
237	184	TDG	237	..	5.0	15.9
128	92	Ugland	108		2.8	
110	90	Utd Carriers	110		5.6	20.8

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	509	+ 5	5.8	11.5
349	295	E&D Wat Hldgs	323		4.6	10.9
585	483	North West	583	+ 5	4.8	7.8
908	676	Northumbrian	903	+ 8	3.5	9.7
564	475	Severn Trent	554	+ 8	5.3	8.2
2215	1855	South Staffs	2215	+ 5	3.1	13.4
527	459	South West	513		6.4	7.6
605	517	Southern	605	+ 8	4.9	8.7
504	456	Thames	495	+ 7	5.9	7.4
679	567	Welsh	629	+ 5	5.2	6.9
312	282	Wessex	308	+ 9	4.9	8.0
573	472	Yorkshire	573	+ 10	5.1	8.4

Source: Finstat

£ USM # Price at suspension † Ex dividend ‡ Ex scrip ▲ Ex rights issue ▼ Ex all § Ex capital distribution * Figures or report awaited .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	100	Exch 10¼% 1995	100		10.18	6.32
104	102	Treas 12¾% 1995	102		12.39	6.57
107	104	Treas 14% 1996	104		13.37	6.60
109	107	Treas 15¼% 1996	107		14.18	6.79
107	105	Exch 13¼% 1996	105		12.51	6.86
103	102	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.69	7.10
98	97	Treas 7% 1997	97		7.07	7.32
109	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	109		12.15	7.28
106	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105		9.99	7.28
102	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.54	7.47
116	114	Exch 15% 1997	115		12.93	7.60
105	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	104		9.30	7.66
98	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	98		7.33	7.66
97	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97		6.92	7.67
116	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	116		13.08	7.84
122	120	Treas 15½% 1998	122		12.67	7.73
112	109	Exch 12% 1998	112		10.68	7.83
105	100	Treas 9½% 1999	105		9.04	7.83
114	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	114		10.73	7.87
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	108		9.65	7.85
97	89	Treas 6% 1999	93		6.41	7.78
108	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	108		9.44	7.93

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
104	100	Conv 9% 2000	104		8.62	7.83
100	96	Treas 8% 2000	100		7.95	7.84
120	117	Treas 13% 2000	120		10.76	7.97
108	104	Treas 10% 2001	108		9.18	8.00
95	90	Treas 7% 2001	95		7.36	7.96
108	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	108		8.96	8.09
99	94	Treas 8% 2003	99		8.04	8.06
111	105	Treas 10% 2003	111		9.01	8.12
115	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115		9.99	8.16
78	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78		4.44	6.66
108	103	Conv 9½% 2004	108		8.73	8.13
91	86	Treas 6¾% 2004	91		7.38	8.03
103	97	Treas 8½% 2005	103		8.24	8.07
109	103	Conv 9½% 2005	109		8.70	8.11
125	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125		9.99	8.29
97	92	Treas 7¾% 2006	97		7.95	8.08
99	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	99		8.06	8.08
119	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119		9.86	8.30
103	97	Treas 8½% 2007	103		8.24	8.08
132	126	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132		10.22	8.28
107	101	Treas 9% 2008	107		8.39	8.08
99	94	Treas 8% 2009	99		8.07	8.09

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
84	79	Treas 6¼% 2010	84		7.42	8.04
108	101	Conv 9% 2011	108		8.33	8.09
108	102	Treas 9% 2012	108		8.31	8.08
77	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77		7.08	7.87
99	93	Treas 8% 2013	99		8.04	8.05
96	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96		8.01	8.05
107	100	Treas 8¾% 2017	107		8.15	8.03
135	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	135		8.86	8.23

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43	40	War Ln 3½%	43		8.08	
30	28	Treas 2½%	30		8.20	
48	45	Consols 4%	48		8.27	

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
210	201	Treas IL 2% 1996	210		1.04	3.08
110	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110		2.23	3.24
175	165	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175		2.94	3.41
171	161	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171		3.10	3.47
114	108	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114		3.14	3.49
179	168	Treas IL 2% 2006	179		3.23	3.50
163	152	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163		3.29	3.53
169	157	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169		3.34	3.55
139	129	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139		3.37	3.56
148	137	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148		3.41	3.59
142	131	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142		3.46	3.61
119	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	119		3.45	3.59
117	108	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117		3.48	3.62

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grolund Amer	169.60	179.50	+0.28	0.30
Grolund Equity	239.90	255.20†	+0.80	2.43
Grolund Euro	212.50	224.90	+1.10	0.16
Grolund Expt Est	115.50	119.78		2.14
Grolund Gilt	75.36	77.63	-0.19	5.29
Grolund Japan	150.93	159.30	..	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	554.50	589.90	+1.16	2.82
General Inc	482.40	514.30	+1.00	2.82
UK Growth Acc	374.30	398.20†	+0.20	2.92
UK Growth Inc	352.73	375.50†	-0.60	2.92
Higher Inc Acc	684.43	728.10†	-3.10	4.05
Higher Inc Inc	394.10	419.30†	-1.80	4.05
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	191.82	202.60	-0.10	5.78
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	90.54	95.63	-0.04	5.78
Nth America	279.90	297.90†	+3.00	
Europe	285.60	303.90	-0.50	0.82
Bal Exempt	74.43	79.17†	-0.19	3.03
Bal Fndmts Acc	104.80	111.50	+0.56	4.73
Bal Fndmts Inc	75.08	79.88	+0.29	4.73
Global Opps	86.98	92.54†	+0.41	0.41
Balanced Acc	55.47	59.02†	+0.12	3.04
Balanced Inc	53.74	57.18†	+0.11	3.04
Japan Acc	44.09	46.91	-0.14	
Pac Basin Acc	372.30	396.10	+4.10	0.83
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	130.20	136.20	+0.40	7.24
High Inc Equity	163.60	175.09†	+0.70	4.50
Worldwide Bond	281.30	298.30	-0.50	4.36
Capital Growth				
American Growth	292.80	312.60	+1.20	.83
Asian Pacific	313.70	333.70	+3.50	..
Assets & Earnings	267.10	284.20†	+0.68	2.26
Comdty & Energy	94.12	100.70	-0.50	..
Euro Capital Inc	138.90	148.60†	-0.40	.85
(Accum Units)	149.10	159.40	-0.40	.85
General	239.10	254.40	+0.50	2.14
Japan	112.70	120.50	-0.90	..
Mastertrust	142.00	151.90	+0.20	1.78
UK Growth Dist	119.10	127.40†	+0.10	3.82
UK Emerging Cos	135.20	143.80	-0.30	..
Income & Growth	390.80	415.70†	-0.20	3.81
Ethical	68.54	72.91	+0.12	2.65
International	113.90	121.20	+0.50	0.87
Dividend & Growth	61.63	65.56	+0.13	4.29
Global Gwth & Sec	67.72	72.25	+0.12	2.70
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.56	£18.25		..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	45.99	48.68†	+0.21	0.63
Cash	50.47	50.47		5.79
Emerging Mkts	68.80	72.64	-0.19	0.05
European	115.60	120.80	+0.40	..
Exempt	978.00	£10.49†	+2.70	1.77
Extra Income	46.07	49.25	-0.16	6.12
Far East Emrg Eqn	117.33	124.23	+1.10	0.60
Fixed Interest	22.36	23.47†	+0.04	8.81
Fund Inv Tst	163.10	171.60†	+0.10	0.07
Japan	172.70	181.50	+0.40	
Latin American	52.56	55.16	+0.72	0.88
Pacific	74.43	78.59†	+0.65	0.33
Property Share	60.81	63.83	+0.11	2.14
UK Emerging Cos	62.62	65.74	+0.35	1.88
UK Growth	44.43	47.07†	+0.19	2.49
Amer World Pnd	72.73	73.87†	+0.32	2.22
Ethical	62.93	66.06	+0.19	2.67
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.92	49.92	+0.03	7.52
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	.	.	..	.
British Income	.	.	..	.
Select Portfolio	87.59	93.18†	+1.40	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	74.61	79.16	-0.03	2.58
Income Builder Inc	70.05	74.52	+0.23	2.97
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	236.10	252.30†	+0.40	3.09
Capital	414.60	443.20†	+0.40	1.87
Balanced	696.00	744.00†	+1.20	2.67
Accumulator	£12.89	£13.77	+3.00	2.95
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.59	53.43	-0.13	3.33
High Income	402.00	429.70	-0.80	3.59
Equity Income	226.30	241.80	+0.58	3.44
High Yield	240.40	256.80†	+0.10	3.38
Govt Securities	33.17	35.02†	+0.03	8.85
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	157.50	168.30	+0.80	0.42
European Growth	35.63	37.96	+0.16	0.01
International	158.80	169.78†	+1.30	0.19
Japan	181.50	193.40†	+1.20	0.07
Pacific	375.50	401.40	+5.80	0.81
Secs of America	452.00	480.80	+2.70	0.48
Wrldw Asset Val	48.03	51.34	+0.38	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	528.20	565.70†	+1.50	2.26
Conv & Gilt	42.94	45.90	+0.03	5.05
Smaller Cos	169.60	181.30	-0.30	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	160.30	171.30	-0.30	1.42
Recovery	139.20	148.80†	+0.20	1.76
Met Min & Cmdty	150.90	161.30†	-0.10	0.74
Overs Earnings	357.40	382.00†	+1.00	1.76
Technology	174.10	186.10	+2.60	0.01
UK Special Sits	472.40	504.80	+0.40	1.72
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Calcetd Dsl Pens	102.70	105.60	..	3.04
Foundtn Penf Pens	62.69	65.13	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 680 0033				
Capital	71.94	76.53	+0.20	2.12
International	64.05	68.14	..	..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	263.20	283.20	-1.10	..
Bond	114.10	120.10	+0.30	6.84
Brit Smlr Cos	181.20	187.70	..	1.75
Emrg & Gas	84.76	88.92†	-0.12	5.70
[illegible]	222.60	237.00	+0.80	0.64
Euro Smlr Cos	99.05	105.50	-0.20	0.01
Income Gwth	348.40	362.10	+0.40	4.27
Japan	282.90	300.20	-0.90	..
Latin American	70.24	74.72	+0.72	..
Pacific	109.70	116.60	+1.90	1.29
UK Smlr Cos	54.17	57.53	+0.12	1.35
Japan Fd	805.30	824.80	-2.60	...
Mngd Fd	173.90	184.80	+0.50	3.25
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	298.20	313.90	+4.50	0.98
Capital Gwth	112.80	118.60	+2.80	2.89
Wrldw Opps	187.50	197.40	+4.70	0.87
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	347.00	361.50†	+1.10	2.98
European Bd Inc	91.11	94.34	+0.03	7.22
Exempt	73.41	78.09†	-0.19	4.38
Financial	79.38	80.53†	+0.58	2.84
500.0	447.30	478.40	+0.70	2.82
General	273.60	292.90	-0.60	2.93
Property	246.10	267.40	..	6.59
Trustee	184.50	197.10	+0.90	2.48
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†	..	5.49
Extra Income	118.50	126.70†	+0.30	4.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.21	59.14†	+0.13	8.57
Income	523.90	560.40	+0.90	4.07
Income Builder	80.36	86.34	+0.15	4.81
Intl Income	83.66	87.08	+0.35	3.53
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	118.80	126.70	+0.50	2.81
Leisure	127.60	135.50	+0.50	1.49
Recovery	424.50	454.00	+1.40	2.88
Smlr Cos Inc	44.95	48.21	+0.11	2.32
Special Sits	285.00	304.80	+0.30	1.72
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.10	140.20†	+0.30	0.60
Aust Acc	235.20	250.20	+2.10	2.03
Aust Inc	144.70	154.00	+1.40	2.03
Euro Gwth Inc	153.10	162.50	+0.80	1.06
(Accum Units)	163.90	173.90	+0.90	1.06
Japan & Gen Inc	156.60	165.80	-0.30	.
(Accum Units)	159.40	167.70	-0.30	.
Japan Spec Sits	71.38	75.61	-0.24	...
Univ Tech Inc	80.54	85.59	+0.21	0.04
Worldwide	167.20	177.50	+1.0	0.95
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	95.99	101.70	+0.70	.
Amer Smlr Cos	134.10	143.30	+1.00	..
Convertibles	52.64	56.08	-0.52	5.70
Eastern	281.30	304.10	+3.90	0.30
Equity Income	83.47	89.63†	+0.19	4.90
European Growth	305.80	323.60†	+1.10	0.80
Europe	219.40	233.20	+0.80	0.20
German Growth	75.36	79.91	+0.40	0.50
Global Bond	83.73	87.10	+0.07	6.20
Global Growth	124.90	133.20	+0.30	..
Japan Growth	173.50	184.60	-0.70	..
Japan Sunrise	141.60	150.30	-1.10	..
Korea Trust	71.11	78.95	-0.71	..
Portfolio	130.10	139.30	+0.40	2.10
(Accum Units)	239.30	256.30	+0.80	2.10
UK Growth	84.39	90.58	+0.21	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.45	86.76†	-0.13	1.80
Select Managers	75.32	80.72	+0.09	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Pen Inc	73.94	78.66	-0.20	..
Special Oppor Inc	56.62	60.23	+0.99	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6026				
Balanced Growth	107.22	113.46†	...	1.87
(Accum Units)	121.63	128.71	...	1.87
Smaller Cos	104.34	110.42†	...	1.28
Higher Yield	45.17	47.60†	...	4.68
American Gth Inc	73.01	77.26	...	..
European Growth	135.56	143.45	...	0.26
(Accum Units)	138.23	146.28	...	0.26
Global Bond Inc	25.25	27.20†	...	8.99
Mngd Pfolio Inc	41.82	44.24	...	1.54
(Accum Units)	42.63	45.09	...	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	114.54	121.20	...	..
Pacific Gth	128.65	136.14	...	.
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.04	80.46	..	3.60
(Accum Units)	77.99	82.39	...	3.60
Japan	54.61	57.79	...	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.71	99.10†	...	7.80
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.88	64.70	+0.03	8.44
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	157.40	167.50	+0.40	1.74
UK Growth	169.80	180.80	+0.40	2.38
UK Income	132.00	140.50†	+0.40	4.47
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	188.80	199.90	+0.70	1.98
-do- Income Dist	107.20	113.70†	+0.10	4.40
(Accum Units)	330.50	350.40	+0.20	4.40
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.25	42.66	+0.02	6.38
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0171 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	161.30	171.69	+0.70	...
European Inc	79.69	84.39	+0.37	0.54
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.19	87.44	+0.04	1.98
Growth	423.30	450.40	-2.10	2.25
Income & Growth	409.10	435.30	+1.80	3.97
(Accum Units)	583.60	621.10	+1.40	3.97
Japan & Gen	66.94	70.98	-0.19	..
Master Portfolio	£100.77	£104.40†	+13.80	2.47
(Accum Units)	£120.85	£125.20	+15.00	2.47
Special Sits	97.80	104.05	-0.54	2.22
High Yield	£13.16	£13.51	+3.08	4.45
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	84.89	89.49	+0.37	2.44
American Portfolio	95.93	102.24	+0.39	1.15
European Portfolio	98.02	104.32	+0.35	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	60.41	64.15	-0.18	..
Pacific Portfolio	138.95	149.41	+1.89	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	76.22	81.72	+0.34	3.29
Utility & Bond	53.81	54.44	+0.16	7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	664.60	667.10		4.86
Fxd In Sec	147.90	148.00	.	9.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5200				
UK General Tst	64.09	68.18	+0.14	2.91
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	654.70	683.17	..	4.72
Accum	£78.00	£78.34		
Fixed Int Inc	122.55	120.84		9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	193.43		...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7657				
Intl Growth	115.30	127.53		
UK Income	107.04	116.16		5.11
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bestinvest Intl	82.35	87.66		1.39
Bestl Bio-Tech	27.35	28.99		
Acorn Ethical Tst	149.91	157.42		0.89
City Fin Accum	70.87	74.41†		1.89
City Fin America	92.05	96.67		
City Fin Inc	78.22	83.96†		0.89
City Fin Japan	124.51	131.18		
Franc Inc Cos	274.74	297.57		1.65
Fcnss Fltr Inc	191.30	207.63†		4.06
Buckley Wrld Gro	123.77	131.20		
Fairfield Cap Gth	134.69	143.06†		
Fairmount Inc	148.20	156.47†		
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	53.43	57.09		4.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.14	59.56	-0.63	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	61.36	65.63	+0.18	...
Atlas Mngd Cash	36.74	38.29	+0.05	0.57
Dragon Growth	69.16	73.69	+1.01	0.61
Equity High Inc	83.43	88.76	+0.33	4.00
(Accum Units)	113.06	120.28	+0.46	4.00
European Gwth	52.50	55.85	+0.11	1.29
Evergreen	27.08	28.60	-0.15	
General Equity	84.31	89.45	+0.28	2.84
Japan Growth	46.77	50.82	-0.12	
Pedigree Gwth	51.48	54.74	+0.16	2.77
Pel Sml Cos Inc	30.35	32.29†	+0.10	1.51
(Accum Units)	31.25	33.78	+0.10	1.51
Retirement Inc	25.76	27.40	+0.07	5.65
Special Sits	38.08	40.51	+0.14	2.08
UK & Overseas	48.77	51.88	+0.18	1.31
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 890 000				
Capital	69.43	73.60	+0.14	2.01
Income	62.84	66.61	+0.13	4.04
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	158.00	168.09†	+0.26	5.21
Fixed & Convertible	38.75	41.22†	+0.03	7.24
Monthly Inc Plus	47.19	50.20†	+0.06	8.93
Preference Share	44.82	47.68†	+0.03	7.89
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	121.91	129.68†	+1.62	8.26
Managed Fund	68.01	72.35†	+0.18	3.26
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.66	40.06†	+0.06	2.03
(Accum Units)	43.84	46.64†	+0.08	2.03
UK & General	79.59	84.67†	+0.35	3.81
(Accum Units)	100.87	107.31†	+0.44	3.81
UK Growth	146.26	155.60†	+0.81	2.60
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.23	203.44†	+0.16	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	125.28	133.28†	+1.04	..
Global Bond	78.97	83.94†	-0.17	6.15
Japan Growth	107.98	114.79†	-0.35	..
North Amer Gth	172.42	183.43†	+0.71	..
Overseas Growth	77.13	82.05†	+1.06	0.07
Worldwide Growth	64.70	68.83†	-0.12	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.85	92.85†	+0.01	6.13
Homestake Fund	78.76	83.79	+0.51	1.88
Quilter Fund	129.27	137.52	+0.79	2.35
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.39	33.46	...	3.32
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	148.49	157.98†	-0.10	1.60
Income	84.12	89.46†	+0.12	4.55
European	62.35	66.34†	+0.28	0.85
Recovery	162.10	172.50	+1.60	1.63
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 0494				
Equity Dist	831.40	845.40†	.	3.61
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	77.23	82.15	+0.12	0.45
Income	238.20	253.40	+0.38	4.39
(Accum Units)	598.90	637.10	+0.90	4.81
Smaller Cos	165.80	177.40	+0.20	0.58
(Accum Units)	203.80	218.00	+0.30	0.58
Inv Portfolio	49.45	55.56	+0.27	1.40
High Inc Port	69.73	74.18	+0.07	4.69
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.49	£15.85	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£11.41	£11.71	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.89	£18.66	...	...
US Small Cos	£16.89	£17.40	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	206.00	210.60†	...	3.04
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	279.20	295.00†	+1.80	0.95
New Asia	217.70	232.40	+2.70	0.14
Japan Growth	103.80	110.60	-0.20	..
Jap Smlr Co	411.40	437.60†	-2.90	..
Nth Amer	282.60	299.50	+4.90	0.79
Smlrd Asia Pac Mt	121.00	130.40	+1.70	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	214.10	228.70†	-0.10	2.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	142.70	151.80	+0.40	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	150.40	160.00†	+0.70	4.50
(Accum Units)	196.10	208.60†	+0.70	4.50
UK Prot & F I Inc	58.62	62.20	+0.13	5.04
Enhanced Opps	86.84	92.38†	+0.28	1.01
UK Smlr Cos	52.64	56.00	-0.03	...
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 525				
American	129.00	137.00	+0.90	1.28
Convertibles	20.44	21.72†	+0.01	6.45
Equity Income	126.10	134.08	+0.40	3.08
Eurofund	46.31	49.14	+0.29	0.41
Financial	44.69	47.48	+0.16	1.58
Growth & Inc	236.60	251.40	+0.89	3.08
High Dist	152.40	161.50	+0.30	4.83
International	389.20	413.50	+4.00	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	95.33	101.40	+1.20	2.71
Latin American	28.88	30.68	-0.04	..
Pacific	80.16	85.17	+0.75	...
Preference Share	21.50	22.84	+0.05	7.24
Tokyo	203.20	215.90	-0.40	..
UK Smaller Cos	227.20	241.40	-0.60	1.14
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	213.60	226.14	+0.17	0.79
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.20	...	0.99
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	82.34	88.07	+0.12	1.98
Ethical Tst	41.81	44.81	-0.05	1.39
Far Eastern	294.22	309.71	+1.70	1.91
High Income	129.51	136.33†	+0.66	4.91
Intl Growth	117.98	124.19	-0.08	1.21
North American	115.73	121.82	-0.18	1.30
Pelican	116.00	122.10†	+0.14	3.42
Smaller Cos	65.38	68.82	+0.05	2.88
Special Sits	88.95	91.53	-0.09	2.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.60	192.30	+1.20	1.70
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.50	205.70†	-0.34	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	347.26	361.73†	-0.58	1.55
Recovery	49.78	51.85†	...	1.97
Recovery Acc	50.69	52.80†	...	1.97
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	109.80	116.81†	+0.33	5.05
Capital Growth	81.96	87.89	+0.04	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.08	47.62	+0.23	0.62
High Income	40.86	43.79†	...	10.50
Warrant	51.44	55.01	+0.30	...
Zero Preference	38.82	41.19	+0.01	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	78.28	83.25†	-0.02	2.82
Family Income Tst	44.58	44.58†	+0.180	6.58
Family Trust	85.85	91.43†	-0.40	1.88
United Charities	268.30	276.80	+0.680	4.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.29	27.39†	+0.08	7.27
Intl Bond	29.44	30.55†	-0.05	4.77
Income Funds				
High Income	23.80	25.84†	+0.04	4.89
Income Plus	109.19	116.10	+0.39	3.80
Amer Eq Inc	48.12	51.98†	+0.16	1.61
European Income	42.56	45.26	+0.20	1.33
Far East Inc	64.28	68.27†	-0.05	2.40
Global Convertible	22.29	23.69	...	3.20
UK Div Grth	24.54	26.10	+0.08	1.92
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.25	67.44	+0.07	..
American	258.70	273.90	+0.80	..
Amer Spec Sits	122.70	130.60†	+0.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	33.81	36.07	-0.43	...
Europe	172.50	183.50	+1.00	..
European Opps	63.03	67.02	+0.09	...
Global Priv	25.61	27.24	+0.09	0.04
UK Growth	91.33	97.11	+0.16	...
Growth & Inc	142.40	151.50	.	1.94
Intl PEP	37.21	39.57	+0.13	...
Japan Spec Sits	83.19	88.50	-0.81	...
Japan	174.90	186.10	-1.70	...
Managed Intl	275.70	293.60	+0.70	..
Moneybuilder	52.50	55.80	+0.01	...
Recovery	47.15	50.14	-0.20	...
South E Asia	156.40	165.80	+2.50	..
Special Sits	510.00	542.30	-5.50	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.42	109.42	+0.01	5.76
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced	137.00	139.70		1.84
Inc Pfolio	84.41	86.09†	+0.30	3.34
Cap Pfolio	141.80	144.30	+0.50	1.53
General Opps	121.50	123.60†	...	3.49
Growth Inc	30.38	31.04†	+0.08	1.72
Private Portfolio	417.20	425.60	.	1.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	114.90	121.30	+0.50	0.35
Emrg Asian	164.80	175.70	+0.46	...
High Income	21.02	22.36†	+0.02	10.08
Overs Income	92.18	97.35	-0.04	3.23
UK Growth	107.70	115.30	+0.30	1.86
UK Income	105.30	112.40†	+0.10	3.75
US Smaller Cos	313.90	335.70	-0.30	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 487 5988				
High Inc Eqty	47.51	49.86	-0.07	3.27
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.32	79.20	+0.33	3.50
Intl Growth	67.80	71.38†	+0.41	
Investment Trust	90.81	95.49	+0.45	..
UK Smaller Cos	83.83	88.15	+0.01	0.93
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	57.71	61.70	-0.02	.
(Accum Units)	57.71	61.70	-0.02	...
Amer Smlr Cos	501.60	535.50	+1.50	..
(Accum Units)	512.50	548.10	+1.60	..
Capital Tst	310.70	330.40†	+0.30	1.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	448.80	475.20†	+0.70	1.61
Conti Smlr Cos	58.97	63.15	0.17	0.57
(Accum Units)	62.01	66.41	-0.18	0.57
Convertible	124.70	132.60	-0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	251.80	267.80	+0.70	5.87
Emerging Markets	67.06	71.64	+0.23	0.22
(Accum Units)	67.12	71.78†	+0.23	0.22
[illegible]	118.40	125.70†	+0.40	0.13
(Accum Units)	124.50	132.10†	+0.40	0.13
Extra Income	338.20	359.70	+1.40	3.99
(Accum Units)	508.00	540.30	+1.40	3.99
Financial	124.70	133.39†	-0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	131.40	141.10†	+0.30	0.30
Gilt Trust	62.35	65.22†		6.84
(Accum Units)	90.75	93.58†	+0.01	6.84
Health Fund Inc	137.60	146.90†	+0.40	..
(Accum Units)	137.60	146.90†	+0.40	
Income & Growth	190.70	202.90†	+0.70	3.32
(Accum Units)	292.40	311.00†	+0.90	3.32
Intl Growth	365.30	390.50†	-1.40	..
(Accum Units)	394.60	422.60†	-0.30	
Japan & Gen	158.60	167.30	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	158.70	168.00	-0.10	..
Monthly Inc	163.10	173.40†	+0.50	3.94
Managed Port Inc	103.30	109.70†	+0.20	1.74
(Accum Units)	110.90	116.70†	+0.20	1.74
Quarterly Income	51.87	55.09†	+0.18	4.65
(Accum Units)	56.27	60.31†	+0.11	4.65
Recovery	331.40	354.30	-1.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	388.10	417.10	-1.30	0.13
UK Growth	53.18	56.81†	+0.25	2.78
(Accum Units)	56.39	60.22†	+0.27	2.78
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.40	50.42	+0.19	0.82
FP Am Smlr Cos	118.20	124.80	-0.20	0.0
FP Asian Growth	260.50	278.60	+4.90	0.0
FP Australian	318.10	341.30	+3.60	0.0
FP Equity Dist	380.90	405.20†	+0.50	2.76
-do- Accum	815.30	867.30†	+1.10	2.76
FP Euro Gth	209.90	223.26	+0.50	0.62
(Accum Units)	228.20	242.70	+0.70	0.62
FP Intl Bond	57.91	61.24	-0.16	5.18
FP Intl Gilt Dist	92.64	98.56	+0.20	0.71
-do- Accum	98.92	103.10	+0.30	0.71
FP Pac Basin Acc	209.70	214.00	+1.70	
FP Income	54.63	58.27	+0.14	4.98
(Accum Units)	178.80	188.50	+0.40	4.98
FP Jap Smlr Cos	295.40	315.00	-3.90	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.06	75.65†	+0.09	5.85
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†		6.25
FP Tokyo	82.11	87.58	-0.14	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.03	38.74†	+0.11	1.87
FP UK Growth	171.10	182.50	+0.50	2.09
(Accum Units)	331.40	353.40	+0.90	2.09
Stewardship Dist	337.40	358.90†	+0.50	1.95
-do- Accum	416.70	443.70†	+0.60	1.95
Stwdshp Inc Dist	71.00	75.53†	+0.08	3.59
-do- Accum	93.19	99.13†	+0.11	3.59
N Am Stdshp Dist	99.27	105.60		0.82
-do- Accum	105.50	112.20	-0.10	0.82
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	108.70	115.10†	+0.10	1.87
Open Cap Gth Acc	109.50	116.40†		0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	104.60	111.20	+0.20	2.37
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.00	113.80	+0.10	2.37
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	107.10	113.90	+0.30	2.96
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	109.70	116.70	+0.20	2.96
NM Unit Trusts				
Inst	32.24	34.40	+0.14	0.94
(Accum Units)	46.75	49.89	+0.20	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1087				
GAMMA	237.00	250.60†	+0.80	2.46
Cash	49.39	50.13†	+0.01	5.31
Growth Portfolio	77.20	81.83	+0.25	1.00
Income Portfolio	63.81	67.48†	+0.07	4.57
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 9441				
Special Sits	191.70	205.60	-0.50	1.40
Dividend	88.42	94.57	+0.35	3.49
Intl Gilt & Inc	224.40	237.00	-0.30	3.09
UK & Gen	44.39	47.48	+0.12	1.56
Fund of Funds	63.08	67.44	+0.12	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 0491				
Amer Spec Sits	193.30	206.89	-0.20	
European	553.60	591.20	+2.00	0.48
Far East & Gen	236.70	253.20	+3.50	..
Germany	114.50	121.30	+0.30	..
Income Inc	152.00	163.20	.	4.44
(Accum Units)	164.90	176.40	.	4.44
International	306.80	327.30	-2.60	0.21
Intl Income	81.95	86.99	+0.61	3.90
Japan & General	369.80	389.50	-0.70	..
Korean Securities	61.33	65.60	-0.70	...
Smlr Cos Ukr Inc	44.42	47.51	+0.36	5.95
UK Capital Inc	165.90	177.50	-1.00	1.31
UK Capital Acc	290.10	310.30	-1.80	1.31
UK Special Sits	80.66	86.27	-0.27	0.71
US & General	144.00	153.10†	+0.69	..
Wrlde Spec Sits	138.10	147.70	...	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.56	51.92	+0.19	2.47
Cash Trust	137.95	137.95†	+0.01	4.57
Practical Inv Inc	114.44	122.40	+0.49	3.23
(Accum Units)	261.82	279.81	+1.08	3.23
UK Index	149.80	151.51	+0.61	3.55
UK Smaller Cos	126.51	135.30	+1.52	0.75
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.11	25.79†	+0.04	9.00
High Income	32.51	34.77†	+0.03	5.20
UK Equity Income	133.14	142.49	+0.84	3.37
Global Bond	28.84	29.88	-0.04	4.45
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.08	49.29†	+0.46	..
Global Inv & Gth	129.25	137.62†	+0.29	1.87
Gold & Intl Res	100.21	107.19	-0.86	..
Global Utilities	128.25	137.08	+0.34	1.52
Overseas Funds				
American	150.70	160.49	+0.57	1.17
European	104.12	110.34	+0.50	1.18
Euro Sel Opps	150.62	160.26	+0.77	...
Amer Emerging	104.73	112.01	+0.14	...
Hong Kong	141.64	152.18	+2.68	1.52
Japan	223.13	237.08	+0.47	..
Pacific Growth	217.98	233.14	+3.03	1.38
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	216.53	216.53†	+0.68	2.11
Long Term Bal	236.99	236.99†	+0.71	3.21
Med Term Bal	202.16	202.16†	+0.37	3.51
UK Equity	247.24	247.24†	+0.87	2.87
UK Emerging Cos	144.69	144.69	+0.41	2.18
American	248.72	248.72	+1.21	1.52
Japan	108.85	108.85	-0.15	..
European	269.31	269.31	+1.07	1.18
Index Linked Gilt	175.80	175.80	+0.62	2.57
Fixed Interest	160.98	160.98†	+0.16	6.70
Amer Emerges	269.15	269.15	+0.82	..
Pacific	233.14	233.14	+2.37	1.92
Emerging Mkts	126.21	126.21	+0.38	0.48
Index Strat Japan	148.88	148.88	+0.03	0.36
-do- Pacific Rim	187.48	187.48	+3.18	1.33
-do- Cont Europe	155.71	155.71	+0.33	1.86
Index Strat USA	142.05	142.05	+0.70	2.18
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	102.05	108.56	+0.44	...
Med Term Bal	95.95	102.18	+0.18	...
Long Term Bal	108.47	113.27	+0.34	...
UK Equity	114.21	121.50	+0.43	..
UK Emerging Cos	67.78	72.11	+0.21	..
American	115.16	122.51	+0.59	..
Japan	52.14	55.47	-0.08	..
European	111.95	119.10	+0.47	..
Fixed Interest	81.34	86.53	+0.08	...
Index Linked Gilt	78.08	82.96	+0.29	...
Deposit	81.25	86.44	+0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	116.20	123.60	-0.10	..
Berkeley Income	111.80	118.90	+0.20	4.16
BWH Intl	137.81	145.08	+3.55	0.59
Brgfild Gth Port Inc	62.03	65.47	+0.06	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	56.80	59.95†	+0.12	3.40
-do- Wrlde Port	52.85	55.78	-0.11	0.10
Show Utilities	53.04	55.96†	-0.79	3.09
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	554.09	589.45		1.73
(Accum Units)	616.25	655.59	...	1.73
European Inc	145.22	154.49	-0.61	0.89
Analogue Inc	143.58	151.94	..	..
N America Inc	333.94	355.26	..	
Far East Inc	338.85	360.48	..	
(Accum Units)	350.95	373.35		
UK Divid Inc	179.48	190.94	..	1.46
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7668				
UK Equity Inc	88.65	94.81	+0.47	4.83
UK Small Cos	49.10	52.50	-0.05	1.02
British Growth	55.42	59.20†	+0.16	2.61
American Gwth	180.12	192.63	+2.89	
Japan Gwth	65.95	70.46	-1.01	
Greater China	180.33	192.86	+0.47	
Pacific Strategy	153.59	164.26	+0.86	..
European Gwth	88.24	93.92	+0.42	0.29
Intl Growth	145.45	155.55	+0.40	..
US Index (£)	14.14	14.90†	+0.05	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	75.20	81.29	+0.11	2.48
Monthly Income	37.62	40.14†	+0.17	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Govt UK Index (£)	11.01	11.62†	+0.03	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.84	93.24	.	1.64
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 638 8688				
European	493.70	527.40	+1.20	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	128.10	135.80	+0.30	5.23
Growth Equity	330.00	352.50†	+0.90	1.88
Income Trust	130.50	139.40	+0.10	2.95
International	180.50	192.80	+0.50	0.26
Japan Trust	123.20	131.80	-0.10	...
Nth American	272.10	290.70†	+1.30	0.27
Pacific	554.70	592.80†	+8.70	..
Guardbal	503.30	537.70	+1.80	1.61
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
GNU Trust	101.08	104.91	-0.21	7.37
Global High Inc	98.33	102.11	-0.27	6.80
Prem Fixed Int	103.95	107.91	+0.38	8.35
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.86	110.24†	+0.37	5.15
European Growth	104.50	111.17	+0.47	.
Intl PEP Trust	61.32	65.19	-0.08	..
High Income	122.91	130.69†	+2.24	3.97
-do- Accum	171.34	182.18	+3.12	3.97
Recovery	369.80	393.20†	..	1.80
(Accum Units)	430.20	457.40		1.80
St Vinc High Inc	124.88	126.84	+0.29	7.00
UK Emerg Cos	239.60	255.08†	+0.78	1.39
UK Smlr Cos	351.10	357.30	+0.60	2.49
Glob Pfd Tst	94.83	100.93†	-0.08	0.84
(Accum Units)	95.82	101.88	-0.06	0.84
Inc Shop Tst	89.44	95.10	+0.09	8.37
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5450				
Growth	26.74	28.35	+0.13	1.72
Growth Acc	26.74	28.35	+0.13	1.72
Income	26.68	28.29	+0.06	3.46
Income Acc	26.68	28.29	+0.06	3.46
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	203.50	215.90	-1.10	2.69
Smaller Cos	31.80	33.62	+0.15	1.01
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 289 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	305.21	328.57	+0.57	1.53
Best of British	84.55	88.61†	+0.21	2.89
UK Smaller Cos	124.82	134.16	-0.41	1.93
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	277.65	295.68†	+0.51	3.82
(Accum Units)	758.71	807.99	+1.39	3.82
High Income	316.74	338.58†	+1.04	4.23
Extra Income	278.55	296.23	+0.95	5.75
Prf & Gilt	45.86	49.28†	+0.13	8.81
International				
International	261.31	278.14†	+1.74	0.56
Global Bond	53.49	56.73	-0.12	4.54
Intl Port Tst	81.43	87.09†	+0.10	0.17
Global Tech	178.21	190.09†	+0.94	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	180.94	193.40	+2.18	0.15
European	481.93	510.52†	+1.37	1.25
European Income	83.58	88.57	+0.24	2.77
Euro Smlr Cos	151.52	162.58†	-0.16	0.62
Far Eap Sits	71.10	76.03†	+0.28	0.71
(Accum Units)	76.18	81.44	+0.27	0.71

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Trust	182.73	194.78	-0.61	..
Japan Special Sits	194.19	206.54	-3.12	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	229.94	244.96	-0.92	..
North American	242.29	257.79	+1.54	0.40
American Smaller	109.34	116.06†	-0.05	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0191 698 4355				
British	98.17	102.70†	+0.30	2.28
Capital	173.70	181.60	+0.50	1.66
Dollar	360.30	377.20†	+0.60	..
Enterprise Cap	329.10	344.60	-0.70	1.74
European	229.60	240.40	-1.30	0.97
Far East	322.80	338.00	-9.30	0.46
Financial	626.60	662.70	+3.00	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.62	26.64†	+0.08	7.41
High Yield	102.50	107.30	-2.00	4.66
Income & Growth	142.50	149.20†	+0.29	3.38
International	254.80	266.80	+0.80	0.82
Japanese General	191.30	205.30	-0.30	..
Japan Tech	74.54	78.05	-0.01	..
Intl Resources	69.69	72.97†	-0.37	..
Portfolio	71.89	75.06†	+0.10	1.34
Smaller Cos	132.10	138.30†	+0.30	1.55
Special Sits	151.80	158.70	+1.10	1.46
UK Emerging Cos	93.27	97.66	+0.02	1.00
US Smaller Cos	91.38	95.68	-0.08	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisors: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	101.20	108.00†	+0.20	6.04
Capital	592.10	631.90†	+1.90	2.39
Income	563.00	600.90	+1.20	5.09
Footsie Fund	55.12	55.40	+0.16	2.97
Trans Index	108.70	118.00		2.03
UK Index	140.50	149.90	+1.0	3.08
International Funds				
American Growth	501.20	534.90	+1.90	0.57
American Index	213.80	227.50	+1.90	1.16
European Growth	113.40	120.78	+0.50	0.26
Footrack 100	162.80	173.10	+0.60	0.56
Global Bond	21.81	23.03	-0.07	5.81
Japan Growth	265.40	282.40	-0.40	..
Japan Index	77.73	82.56	-0.28	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	31.72	33.85	-0.23	..
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.55	63.55	+0.90	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	182.80	189.70	+2.30	1.11
Spore & Mlysa Gth	79.19	84.50†	+1.68	
Tiger Inter	200.70	214.20	+1.90	1.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.79	32.95	+0.06	0.91
General Funds				
Managed	72.13	74.98†	+0.15	1.52
Rupert Child Fnd	86.38	89.79†	+0.11	2.49
UK Growth	60.43	62.83†	+0.16	2.35
High Income Funds				
Inc Cons Inc	83.41	86.70	-0.09	6.56
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.46	27.30	+0.02	7.80
UK Inc & Gwth	40.56	42.16†	-0.03	3.71
UK Income	337.00	350.30†	+0.30	5.04
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.24	52.11	+0.13	0.19
Amer Smlr Cos	118.10	123.80	+0.18	
(Accum Units)	120.40	125.20	+0.10	
Europe Gth	154.20	160.00	+0.10	0.12
(Accum Units)	158.60	165.50	+0.30	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	28.72	29.85	-0.01	..
French Growth	80.12	83.29	+0.13	0.45
(Accum Units)	85.96	89.36	+0.15	0.45
H Kong & China	78.88	82.00	+1.69	1.72
Intl Growth	58.12	60.42	+0.32	0.54
(Accum Units)	58.60	60.91	+0.20	0.54
Japan Gth	30.31	31.51	+0.15	
Accum Units	30.31	31.51	+0.15	.
Japan Smaller Cos	34.83	36.21	-0.44	..
Emlg Emg Mkts	95.85	99.64	+0.34	..
Accum Units	96.53	100.30	+0.30	
SE Asia	325.60	338.50	+4.20	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.59	57.26†	-0.12	5.67
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	133.90	142.40		
Income	155.45	165.36	+0.49	3.69
UK Growth	58.28	62.09	-0.02	0.56
International	77.28	82.28	+0.39	0.08
Ecology	81.63	86.83	+0.05	1.24
European	124.98	132.93	-0.01	..
Far Eastern	281.20	309.89	+2.30	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7264				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.94	53.13	+0.09	7.25
Gilt Yield	116.30	122.60	+0.10	6.53
Global Income	209.50	222.90†	+0.53	4.40
High Yield	136.50	145.20†	+0.53	6.10
(Accum Units)	417.70	444.40†	+1.49	6.10
Smlr Cos Div	51.69	54.99†	+0.06	3.05
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	94.51	100.70	-0.08	..
North American	80.12	85.23	+0.37	0.15
European Special	120.40	128.10	+1.30	0.12
European	157.80	167.00	+0.80	0.36
(Accum Units)	206.10	219.30	+1.10	0.36
Global Eqty Inc	104.20	110.80	+0.60	1.08
Japan	378.60	402.80†	+0.70	..
Japanese Special	205.50	218.60	-1.30	..
Master Accum	238.90	254.20	+0.80	0.54
Pacific	325.50	346.30	+3.70	...
(Accum Units)	381.70	406.10	+4.40	...
Smaller Cos	109.90	116.90†	+0.20	1.29
UK Equity Growth	38.45	40.90	+0.02	1.59
UK Index Inc	278.30	282.00	+0.06	4.07
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1693				
Global Inc & Gth	62.45	66.43	+0.09	..
Inv Trust	65.75	69.94	+0.36	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	58.98	63.46	+0.08	1.59
High Inc Acc	55.64	59.19	+0.04	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	581.20	593.10	+0.90	5.93
Intl & General	411.20	419.60	-1.20	0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	259.56	276.13†	+0.61	5.48
Inc & Growth Inc	55.43	58.97	+0.05	4.60
Smaller Cos	57.20	60.85†	+0.14	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	246.50	262.20†	+0.60	2.02
High Income	108.70	115.60	+0.30	4.38
International	97.51	103.70	+0.10	0.67
Recovery Trust	66.55	70.79†	+0.09	2.02
European Trust	81.68	87.66	+0.37	1.03
Japanese Trust	39.86	42.53	+0.25	..
American Trust	89.09	94.77	+0.23	0.05
Managed	68.90	71.17	.	0.78
Cash	50.31	50.31		4.80
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	374.80	380.70	-2.20	2.59
UK Inc/Gth	400.50	405.40	-1.80	3.40
UK Income	276.90	281.20	-2.30	4.09
UK Sm Cos	239.20	248.20	+8.40	1.97
Euro Gwth	129.60	130.50	-1.30	..
N Amer Gwth	88.79	89.80	-0.40	0.27
Japan Growth	61.51	62.17	-2.15	..
Money Mkt	124.28	124.28	..	1.56
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	480.10	510.70	+1.30	2.72
(Accum Units)	954.10	£10.15	+3.00	2.72
Equity Income	98.89	105.20	..	3.98
UK Tactical Alloctn	37.41	39.56	+0.09	4.48
European	120.60	128.30†	+0.60	1.20
Far Eastern	211.90	225.40	+1.90	...
Fixed Interest	51.92	55.23	+0.13	7.30
Gilt	88.54	93.89†	+0.08	8.52
Global Growth	73.00	77.65†	+0.20	0.35
Intl Bond	53.10	56.43	-0.07	4.84
Japanese	68.50	78.81	-0.10	..
North American	151.80	161.50	+0.40	0.95
Pacific Growth	111.50	118.60	+1.90	0.24
UK Index	83.25	86.75†	+0.18	3.18
UK Recovery	92.77	98.69†	+0.13	1.92
UK Smaller Cos	125.00	133.00	+0.20	1.59
US Index	63.96	67.52	+0.32	1.84
European Index	77.84	81.31	+0.11	1.80
Japan Index	40.42	42.68	-0.01	0.05
Worldwide	82.98	88.25†	+0.21	1.57
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	51.09	54.35	+0.14	2.13
Income	59.49	63.19	+0.15	3.00
Far East	51.74	55.34†	+0.30	0.08
North American	103.00	110.20†	+0.70	.
Global	93.97	100.50	+0.50	0.32
European	88.11	94.23	+0.53	0.01
Japan	99.31	106.20	-0.60	..
Intl Currency Bd	80.42	84.13†	-0.02	4.41
SE Asia	101.60	108.70†	+1.80	..
UK Cap Growth	94.19	100.20†	+0.24	1.51
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 315				
Balanced	345.80	367.90†	+0.70	2.98
-do- Acc	796.70	847.80	+1.80	2.98
Cpstl Euro Gth	66.83	70.35	+0.17	1.19
-do- Acc	71.41	75.17	+0.17	1.19
Extra Inc	256.30	273.40†	+4.60	4.28
-do- Acc	679.60	723.00	+12.40	4.28
FTSE 100 Inc	101.90	108.50	+0.40	3.12
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German Gth	130.20	137.30	+0.50	
-do- Acc	136.50	143.70	+0.50	
Growth Port	549.60	584.70	+1.50	0.80
-do- Acc	558.80	594.50	+1.60	0.80
Hi Reserve Inc	101.80	108.40†	+0.30	6.56
Hi Reserve Acc	103.10	109.70	+0.20	6.56
Income	491.60	523.00	+1.50	3.69
-do- Acc	£13.43	£14.29	+4.00	3.69
Income Port	516.00	549.00	+1.50	3.86
-do- Acc	552.10	587.40	+1.50	3.86
Japan Growth	98.24	104.60	-0.40	
-do- Acc	98.58	104.90	-0.40	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Mactis Trust	59.03	62.75	-0.17	1.33
-do- Acc	65.88	70.01	+0.19	1.33
N American Gen	180.40	191.30	+1.10	
-do- Acc	215.30	229.10	+1.36	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	129.70	142.72	-0.53	
-do- Acc	142.60	151.60		
Pacific Basin	232.20	263.30	+3.80	0.62
-do- Acc	267.50	285.00	+3.10	0.62
Small Cos Inc	372.30	391.60†	+0.32	2.08
-do- Acc	502.30	539.20	+1.30	2.08
UK Growth	85.87	91.36	+0.29	2.48
-do- Acc	104.40	111.10	+0.32	2.48
Worldwide Gth	311.70	331.60	+1.00	0.90
-do- Acc	453.60	489.50	+1.60	0.90
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	68.47	73.46	+0.20	0.10
General	86.70	90.02†	+0.22	2.42
Income	65.00	68.74	+0.15	5.50
International	63.94	68.51	-0.21	0.45
Japan	53.61	57.52	-0.34	
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.47	72.39†	+1.44	1.23
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Int Dlg: 01245 390 300				
Amer & General	404.60	427.90	-1.20	0.54
(Accum Units)	504.20	533.21	-1.03	0.54
Amer Recovery	401.30	425.00†	+0.96	0.41
(Accum Units)	553.00	584.95†	-1.10	0.41
Amer Smlr Cos	132.00	140.00	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	125.90	142.60	-0.40	
Australasian	158.40	159.90		2.06
(Accum Units)	184.00	194.50		2.05
Capital	841.60	892.10	+2.80	2.71
(Accum Units)	962.00	£10.23	+4.30	2.71
Charibond	693.70	700.70†	+2.10	5.65
(Accum Units)	£32.95	£33.28†	+12.80	5.65
Commodity	379.60	401.40	-1.40	0.52
(Accum Units)	567.30	589.30	-2.00	0.52
Compound Gth	951.80	£10.06†	-2.80	3.10
(Accum Units)	£10.11	£10.69†	-2.90	3.10
Dividend	40.90	42.20†	+0.10	4.30
(Accum Units)	174.20	184.10†	+0.20	4.30
Equity Income	347.20	367.20	+0.40	4.60
(Accum Units)	451.60	477.00	+0.50	4.60
Euro & General	513.00	542.60	+0.60	1.21
(Accum Units)	648.80	686.20	+0.70	1.21
Euro Dividend	72.90	77.10	+0.30	3.44
(Accum Units)	87.70	92.80	+0.30	3.44
Extra Yield	410.30	442.30	+1.50	4.91
(Accum Units)	£13.29	£13.97	+5.40	4.91
Far Eastern	346.30	366.20	+4.60	0.65
(Accum Units)	459.70	486.10	+6.10	0.65
Fund of Inv Tsts	611.30	646.50†	+4.50	2.03
(Accum Units)	£11.53	£12.19†	+8.50	2.03
General	623.00	659.00	+2.30	3.69
(Accum Units)	175.10	185.40	-0.70	3.69
Gilt Income	78.10	80.20†	+0.10	7.71
(Accum Units)	160.60	163.95†	+0.40	7.71
Gold	61.10	64.60	-0.40	0.93
(Accum Units)	72.10	76.30	-0.50	0.93
High Income	291.00	308.00	-0.10	4.73
(Accum Units)	116.80	123.70	-0.40	4.73
Intl Growth	75.50	79.80	-0.20	0.05
(Accum Units)	131.70	139.30	-0.20	0.05
International Inc	98.90	104.60†	+0.20	4.65
(Accum Units)	148.90	157.50†	+0.20	4.65
Japan & Gen	40.40	42.70†	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	43.60	45.90†	-0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	138.30	146.20†	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	139.30	147.20†	-1.10	
Managed Income	27.80	29.20†	+0.10	4.24
Midland	63.10	66.70†	+0.20	3.21
(Accum Units)	213.20	225.70†	+0.70	3.21
Pension Ex	951.00	974.80†	+2.90	4.33
Recovery	42.60	45.00†	+0.10	2.59
(Accum Units)	69.90	74.00	+0.20	2.59
Second General	71.30	75.40	+0.10	3.50
(Accum Units)	185.10	195.90	+0.40	3.50
Smaller Cos	68.80	72.80	+0.20	3.22
(Accum Units)	137.20	145.10	+0.30	3.22
Sterling Hi Int	24.83	24.94	+0.07	8.38
Treasury	25.02	25.06†	+0.01	6.32
Trustee	41.60	44.00†		4.39
(Accum Units)	170.50	180.30†	.	4.39
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	83.30	88.61	+0.17	1.51
Intl Bond	64.63	67.94†	-0.06	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	73.32	78.84	+0.40	0.80
N Amer Growth	99.23	105.56	+0.43	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.59	22.96	-0.04	2.86
UK Growth	373.10	398.90†	+0.80	2.85
(Accum Units)	493.40	524.80	+1.10	2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01629 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.10	£13.35†		3.30
Income	988.40	£10.03	.	4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80		4.24
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	202.10	216.10	+0.50	2.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	171.40	188.60	+0.60	6.51
Intl Growth	209.10	222.60	+0.70	0.35



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
North American	193.70	205.60	+0.70	0.43
Far East	274.30	293.40	-2.90	1.27
UK Smaller Cos	177.70	190.60	+0.40	1.71
European	82.83	87.99	+0.12	0.36
Japanese Growth	45.51	48.46	+0.24	..
High Income	189.30	202.50	+0.30	4.09
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 068				
M & S Inv Pfolio	154.30	162.40	...	2.23
-do- Accum	177.60	187.00	...	2.23
UK Sel Pfolio	133.20	140.20	...	2.46
-do- Accum	154.80	162.90	...	2.46
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.45	73.88		3.72
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4840				
Intl Income	71.88	76.31	+0.05	4.35
European	84.51	89.71	+0.62	0.98
Income	73.60	78.03†	+0.07	4.76
Nth American	66.69	70.80	+0.12	0.53
Far East	165.70	175.90	+1.80	..
Japan	52.65	55.89	-0.24	...
Emrging Mkts	89.86	96.11	-0.42	..
Intl Growth	109.80	115.70†	+0.36	0.91
UK Growth	93.80	99.58	+0.14	1.47
UK Smlr Co	47.15	50.05†	+0.05	1.05
Asian Opps Fd	36.64	38.19	+0.55	0.33
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	418.41	445.12	+1.17	4.01
Global Inc	68.73	73.12	+0.21	2.83
Intl Leaders	358.73	379.50	+1.0	2.36
Intl Leaders	204.75	217.82	+0.83	0.76
PAM Mg Bal Gth	62.35	64.78	+0.09	0.63
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	210.70	223.60	-0.80	..
(Accum Units)	225.30	239.00	-0.90	..
American Opps	94.32	100.60	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	95.50	101.90	-0.68	
British Blue Chip	80.09	85.08†	+0.220	2.83
(Accum Units)	99.42	105.60†	+0.300	2.83
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	6.05
(Accum Units)*	139.50	139.50		6.05
Emerging Mkts	103.80	111.60	+1.900	0.13
(Accum Units)	103.90	111.70	+1.900	0.13
European Growth	258.20	273.40	+0.700	0.17
(Accum Units)	278.40	294.70	+0.800	0.17
European Income	85.96	90.81	-0.14	3.16
(Accum Units)	115.80	122.30	-0.20	3.16
General	505.30	537.70	+1.600	2.30
(Accum Units)	1062	1086	+3.080	2.30
Global Bond	127.70	134.10		5.16
(Accum Units)	157.30	165.30		5.16
Gold & General	188.60	200.20	-1.90	0.44
(Accum Units)	193.00	207.50	-1.90	0.44
Govt Securities	92.15	95.01	+0.110	5.77
(Accum Units)	179.40	184.98	+0.200	5.77
Income	351.30	369.00†	-0.10	4.41
(Accum Units)	240.40	255.60†	-0.20	4.41
Inc Portfolio	97.23	103.10	+0.200	5.09
(Accum Units)	99.49	105.60	+0.300	5.09
Intl Opps	465.50	495.60	-0.40	0.18
(Accum Units)	621.60	662.20	-0.50	0.18
Japan	153.80	162.80	-0.60	..
(Accum Units)	157.90	167.30	-0.70	...
New Europe	182.10	194.20	+0.400	1.04
(Accum Units)	187.70	200.20	+0.400	1.04
Pacific	116.30	124.10	+1.900	0.87
(Accum Units)	124.50	132.80	+2.000	0.87
Recovery	286.70	307.20†	+0.400	0.84
(Accum Units)	371.00	395.70†	+0.400	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	55.36	59.05	+0.060	0.87
(Accum Units)	62.57	66.85	+0.060	0.87
Portfolio	80.53	85.47	+0.200	2.79
(Accum Units)	96.13	102.00	+0.400	2.79
Managed Gth	98.52	104.10	+0.200	1.83
Managed Inc	104.80	108.70	+0.160	4.14
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 283				
Europgwth Pfio	119.62	127.25†	+0.31	0.84
Portfolio	67.45	71.75	+0.20	0.54
UK Income Inc	75.81	80.65	-0.08	4.65
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	60.46	63.31	+0.58	3.29
(Accum Units)	64.88	67.70	+0.63	3.29
British Tst	85.35	89.37	+0.33	1.97
(Accum Units)	100.10	104.80	+0.30	1.97
Extra High Inc	68.07	71.28	+0.15	6.39
(Accum Units)	133.10	139.30	+0.20	6.39
FT-SE 100 Acc	55.83	58.46	+0.18	2.59
FT-SE 100 Dist	54.97	57.56	+0.18	2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.89	56.82	...	8.92
(Accum Units)	180.10	186.70	...	6.92
High Yield	217.70	228.00†	+0.60	5.78
(Accum Units)	558.40	585.70†	+1.40	5.78
Income	286.90	300.40	+0.70	3.61
(Accum Units)	633.00	662.80	+1.70	3.61
Money Market UT	49.33	49.33†		5.04
(Accum Units)	78.35	78.35†	+0.02	5.04
Monthly Income	85.12	89.13†	+0.29	5.08
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.48	111.10	+0.30	1.77
European Growth	102.70	108.80	-0.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	87.46	92.81	-0.01	5.96
Income	86.03	91.52	+0.20	2.79

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	52.11	55.12	-0.39	
Managed	72.25	76.65	+0.17	2.36
Money Market	57.88	53.15	+0.02	4.31
North American	90.52	95.90	-0.46	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	94.95	100.90	-0.30	1.75
European Growth	96.56	102.46	-1.90	2.01
Gilt & Fixed Inc	82.25	82.45		5.94
Income	84.49	89.32	+0.19	2.52
Japan Growth	52.07	55.37	-0.20	
Managed	67.21	71.25	-1.17	2.33
Money Market	57.24	60.17	+0.02	4.27
North American	82.22	87.75	-2.41	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.75	100.85	+0.60	1.74
European Growth	94.29	99.95	-1.95	
Gilt & Fixed Inc	76.25	80.71		6.11
Income	83.29	88.52	+0.13	2.52
Japan Growth	51.71	54.16	-0.21	
Managed	67.87	74.27	+1.19	2.34
Money Market	55.63	59.25	+0.22	4.25
North American	91.57	97.55	-2.42	0.42
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.06	13.83	.	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	359.80	382.20†	-1.60	
European Gth Inc	402.50	436.70	-2.10	2.39
(Accum Units)	467.50	507.10	-2.80	0.39
Intl Gwth	192.80	204.40	-0.20	
UK Equity Inc	186.60	198.70	-0.20	3.04
UK Ind Trckr Inc	161.30	172.20	-2.40	2.33
(Accum Units)	132.00	[illegible]	-0.50	1.82
UK Eq Ind Tkr Inc	272.30	289.60	+1.10	1.22
Japan Tracker	73.79	78.14†	-0.20	
Asian Tracker	212.80	226.80	+2.30	0.39
Managed Inc	156.30	166.50†	+0.50	1.13
Deposit Inc	99.80	99.80†	+0.01	4.96
Europa	126.90	134.90	-0.20	
Germany	156.50	172.40	-0.40	2.13
High Income	71.53	72.64†	-0.05	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	86.99	90.56†	+0.27	7.03
Acumen Inc	89.95	91.90†	+0.25	2.60
Acumen Reserve	82.72	86.53†	+0.26	7.96
-do- Inc	71.45	72.10†	+0.26	7.96
American Growth	151.43	160.23	-0.40	
Cash Income	43.81	43.81†	...	5.63
Equity Income	35.51	38.47†	-0.20	4.53
European	71.32	74.62	+0.50	2.54
Smaller Cos	80.69	84.82†	-0.20	1.15
Wrlwde Eqty	62.69	67.25	+0.25	0.56
Global Bond	44.82	44.55	-0.11	6.60
UK Growth	35.56	38.09†	+0.04	2.13
Pacific Growth	111.43	116.23	+2.40	0.35
Japan Growth	87.57	89.54	-0.25	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	123.06	132.97	+0.27	2.75
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	73.74	78.45	+0.14	2.22
UK Income	125.00	134.82	+0.36	3.27
Higher Income	211.50	225.90	-1.07	4.50
Smaller Cos	83.83	89.13	+0.05	1.96
International	96.72	102.87	+0.13	1.78
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	108.20	115.00	+0.30	0.70
European Dist	116.00	124.30†	-0.60	
Far East Dist	130.00	131.50	-0.70	
Global Care Dist	71.36	75.91	+1.32	1.07
Overs Dist	£10.20	£10.86	+4.70	2.15
(Accum Units)	£13.24	£14.09	+6.30	2.15
UK Dist	347.50	369.70†	-8.60	2.64
(Accum Units)	689.40	733.40	-1.30	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.56	83.57	+0.15	4.16
Wwide Dist	105.10	112.90†	+0.20	0.46
Wwide Inc Dist	72.24	76.95†	+0.14	2.83
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 399 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	65.51	69.14	+0.12	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	58.80	62.05	+0.11	0.84
North America Inc	50.62	53.42†	+0.13	0.49
UK Equity Grth Inc	58.19	61.41†	+0.09	2.04
(Accum Units)	61.13	64.52	+0.09	2.04
UK General Inc	57.56	60.75†	+0.12	2.42
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	42.06	45.57†	-0.06	7.98
UK Income Inc	57.13	60.30†	-0.11	3.86
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 08 80				
Bond	120.65	128.04	-0.24	6.47
Bridge Fund	85.07	90.51	..	2.23
Distributor	93.26	99.24	+0.19	3.13
Foundation	93.66	99.63†	+0.17	2.54
General	183.22	194.92	+0.33	1.87
Global	318.44	338.77	-0.08	0.43
Growth	122.29	130.10†	+0.39	2.57
Higher Income Inc	27.36	29.10	-0.12	4.27
Income	227.98	242.54†	+0.49	3.41
Intlyld	118.12	123.05†	+1.55	2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	37.26	39.65	+0.08	0.26
Cash Income	50.06	50.06†	+0.01	5.58
European Gwth	40.68	43.39	+0.14	0.20
Intl Gwth	30.31	32.20†	-0.09	0.43
Japan Gwth	24.77	26.49	-0.40	
Managed Tst Inc	47.66	50.97	+0.12	2.38
Oriental Opps Inc	145.70	156.80	+2.20	0.23
Property Shares	32.78	35.85	+0.03	0.86
Smaller Cos	32.02	34.24	+0.03	1.38
UK Growth Tst	25.64	27.42†	+0.07	2.73
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	71.59	76.56	+0.17	1.79
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.74	72.44	+0.18	2.83
Exempt (2)	29.84	30.70	...	1.76
German	50.87	54.33	+0.26	..
High Income	73.86	78.99	+0.83	4.76
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	77.15	82.51	+0.58	4.29
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2655				
Managed	98.58	104.20	...	2.11
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	123.00	129.47	+0.32	1.84
UK Equity	140.09	147.46	+0.07	3.02
UK Equity Income	132.78	139.77†	+0.02	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	119.88	126.19	-0.09	1.60
UK Equity Growth	131.20	138.10	+0.18	2.29
UK Index Trckg	142.62	150.13	+0.25	3.62
Intl Index Trckg	147.35	155.11	+0.54	1.17
International	237.33	249.82†	+0.82	0.59
European	203.31	214.01	+1.24	0.70
Pan European	136.50	143.68†	+0.64	1.38
Nth American	181.10	190.63†	+0.20	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	196.97	207.34	+0.20	
Japanese	86.51	91.06	-0.13	
Pacific	230.16	242.27	+2.85	0.29
South East Asian	258.63	272.24†	+3.31	0.55
Intl Bond	138.00	145.26	-0.24	3.89
Gilt & Convertible	105.58	112.12	-0.03	6.49
Property	79.68	83.87	+0.04	6.11
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	256.30	274.40†	-0.80	0.52
(Accum Units)	271.20	290.30	-0.80	0.52
Japan Inc	101.90	108.80	-0.40	..
Nth American Inc	112.40	120.50	+0.40	0.37
Worldwide Inc	157.30	168.10	+0.10	0.92
Hong Kong Inc	145.70	155.20	+3.70	1.93
Swiss Equities Inc	72.28	77.28†	+0.24	
Wrlde Bond Inc	63.06	66.70	...	5.58
Emrgng Asia Inc	218.50	236.90	+2.00	0.73
(Accum Units)	219.30	237.70	+2.00	0.73
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.15	50.15†	+0.01	6.22
Thailand Inc	172.20	185.20	+0.99	1.81
Gold Trust Inc	69.19	75.08	-0.76	0.85
New Zealand Inc	93.29	100.10	+0.21	1.75
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.77	67.42	+0.09	1.35
Latin Am Crep Inc	60.38	65.03	+0.74	..
UK All Sh Mtr Inc	58.89	63.19	+0.17	3.03
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.78	81.85	-0.21	..
Global Portfolio	68.12	72.86	-0.38	..
Global Opps	64.37	68.84	-0.50	..
Marsh Global Grth	63.82	67.68	+0.38	
AAM Global Equity	54.65	57.92	..	
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	90.28	97.27†	+0.15	..
Temple Equity Inc	44.57	48.78	+0.16	2.72
Hartley Growth	75.79	80.93	+0.17	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	83.52	89.33	+0.13	0.20
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.19	86.82	-0.17	
St Jms Mgt Inc Inc	47.43	49.25	-0.08	
Prentice Portfo Inc	66.92	71.57	-0.05	1.60
Rexborough Strat Gth	71.58	78.56	-0.03	0.08
Tech Analysis	101.60	107.60	+0.20	..
Rosebery Growth	44.16	48.10	-0.35	0.74
International Strat	77.75	83.15	-0.12	..
UFC Intl-Act Gth	53.68	57.83	-0.81	..
Covendale Tapout	49.92	53.98	+0.07	..
Press Equity Inc	108.28	115.00	+1.20	1.85
Lowes Intl Growth	46.57	49.02	+0.10	1.40
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	246.60	262.20	+0.58	2.84
(Accum Units)	520.40	553.60	+1.30	2.84
Growth	156.80	165.70†	+0.20	2.82
Income	239.90	255.20†	+0.50	3.88
Intl Equity	254.20	270.40	+0.30	1.24
(Accum Units)	281.00	298.90	+0.30	1.24
UK Income	66.88	71.14	+0.10	3.43
UK Intl 25	81.08	86.25	+0.14	2.38
New Europe	80.92	86.08	+0.08	1.07
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	589.34	630.32	+2.43	0.54
(Accum Units)	589.95	630.98	+2.44	0.54
Income	365.59	391.01†	+1.36	3.29
Wrlde Recovery	382.09	408.66	+1.06	0.75
Amer Growth Inc	228.29	244.17	+0.25	0.01
(Accum Units)	228.29	244.17	+0.25	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	239.01	255.63	+1.39	0.03
Far Esn Grth Inc	273.32	292.33	+1.16	0.33
(Accum Units)	273.32	292.33	+1.16	0.33
Euro Gwth Inc	147.26	157.50	+0.98	0.87
(Accum Units)	147.63	157.90	+0.99	0.87
UK Growth Inc	92.17	98.58	+0.25	2.74
(Accum Units)	96.97	103.72	+0.27	2.74
High Income	98.33	105.17	+0.23	3.83
Jap Gwth Inc	207.13	221.73	+0.63	0.01
(Accum Units)	207.13	220.73	+0.63	0.01
PEP Growth	118.87	127.14	+0.46	1.08
Asian Str Mkts Inc	126.03	134.80	+1.43	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.03	134.80	+1.43	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	134.57	143.93	-0.05	0.01
(Accum Units)	134.57	143.93	-0.05	0.01
Global Bond	55.77	59.75	-0.12	5.59
UK Smaller Cos Inc	83.03	88.81	-0.17	1.55
(Accum Units)	86.26	92.26	-0.18	1.55
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	101.58	108.06†	+0.25	...
European	72.53	77.16	+0.44	.
Global	61.45	65.37	+0.02	.
Pacific	55.70	59.25†	-0.43	..
UK Inc & Gth	65.84	69.83	-0.13	1.90
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 640				
BRI Director Dlgs	94.97	101.08	+0.33	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	160.83	170.19	+0.38	0.10
Emerg Mkts	45.90	48.57	-0.29	..
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	61.66	65.35	+0.05	2.59
Growth Income	64.35	68.20	-0.06	2.20
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	137.34	146.11	-0.03	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	96.34	102.50	-0.30	3.40
Conv & Gilt	109.20	116.20†	-0.50	6.87
European Income	75.42	80.24†	+0.18	2.80
Extra Income	153.00	162.80	+0.20	3.64
(Accum Units)	187.40	199.40	+0.30	3.64
Far East	378.00	402.20	+3.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	385.30	409.80	+3.80	0.08
Global Income	26.22	27.90		4.30
High Income	116.60	124.10†	+0.20	3.43
(Accum Units)	141.60	150.60	+0.30	3.43
International	197.60	210.20†	+0.30	0.66
(Accum Units)	203.70	216.70	+0.60	0.66
Pref & Fxd Int	42.10	44.79†	-1.22	7.72
Recovery	72.15	76.75†	+0.05	2.67

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	112.20	119.40	+0.10	1.76
(Accum Units)	121.50	129.20	+0.10	1.76
Technology	450.80	479.50	-1.10	
UK Blue Chip	70.92	75.55	-0.05	2.43
(Accum Units)	79.36	84.44	-0.72	2.43
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 2363				
Equity Gth	180.63	192.10	+0.60	1.78
European Gth	101.10	107.60	+0.60	0.46
Income & Gth	136.30	145.00	-0.20	3.45
Japan Gth	105.90	112.60	-1.05	
Nth Amer Gth	136.30	145.00	-1.20	1.17
Overseas Gth	93.72	99.70	+0.41	.
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	37.27	39.65	+0.17	1.82
Cash Hldgs Inc	100.02	101.47†	+0.02	5.07
Cash Hldgs Acc	112.54	113.09†	+0.01	5.07
Dist Trust Inc	97.46	100.73†	+0.16	6.10
Dist Trust Acc	102.16	105.66†	-0.19	6.16
Global Growth	90.20	96.15	+0.42	0.70
Equity Inc	82.23	87.47†	+0.26	3.49
Equity	72.97	79.75†	+0.28	2.32
European	223.25	231.22†	+1.51	2.92
High Income	88.77	94.43	+0.12	5.74
Intl Gwth	153.59	200.62	+1.44	0.08
Intl Sm Co	78.64	83.87	+0.29	0.46
Japanese	211.98	209.20	-0.44	
Nth Amer	177.10	183.52†	-3.30	1.44
Pacific Mkt	107.91	111.82	+0.55	0.56
Premier Inc	47.68	49.63†	+0.10	5.77
Sml Cos	89.75	95.47†	+0.01	1.58
Spec Sits	111.46	118.57	+0.25	2.38
UK Growth	124.35	132.28	+0.25	2.29
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	301.60	320.10	-0.70	3.17
For Rock Accts see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	539.73	571.96	-0.46	0.75
FA America (Acc)	630.95	671.02	-0.53	0.75
FA UK Equity Inc	159.26	167.72†	+0.34	3.57
FA Japan	243.16	259.36	+0.84	
FA Major Uk Cos	97.85	104.29	-0.23	2.41
FA Smlr Uk Cos	294.80	303.34	-0.07	1.25
FA European	326.86	347.16	+1.87	0.50
FA Amer Smlr Cos	47.48	50.95	+0.13	0.18
FA Asia	50.96	54.73	+0.73	0.16
FA Jap Smlr Cos	39.50	42.73	-0.91	
RAM Personal Pension				
Uk Major Cos	99.58	104.91	-0.22	
Uk Smlr Cos	85.19	89.66	-0.02	
Uk Income	98.67	103.86	-0.23	
America	103.40	114.16	-0.09	
Japanese	53.47	56.26	-0.18	
European	105.02	110.54	-0.59	
Gilt	90.15	94.89	-0.71	.
Deposit	84.66	89.11		
Managed	101.05	106.36	-0.32	
RAM P.S.A.C Scheme				
Uk Major Cos	96.92	102.01	-0.21	
Uk Smaller Cos	83.14	87.51	-0.02	
Uk Income	96.22	101.23	-0.19	
America	105.61	111.05	-0.10	
Japanese	52.02	54.75	-0.17	
European	102.37	107.64	-0.57	
Gilt	88.90	93.57	+0.19	
Deposit	80.70	84.95	+0.01	
Managed	94.00	98.94	+0.32	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	85.24	90.99	+0.30	0.20
Pacific Basin	74.00	79.45	+0.19	..
High Inc Dist	135.30	144.70		4.51
Ryl Life Inc Dstry	58.57	62.27	+0.14	3.87
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.30	71.76	+0.02	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.91	66.92†	-0.08	
UK Emerging Cos	125.30	135.48†	+0.70	1.14
UK Index Trckg	165.90	176.80†	+1.00	3.25
European	133.30	142.90	+0.20	0.27
Managed	149.10	160.30	+0.40	0.74
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	148.80	157.40		0.42
European Growth	115.80	122.30	.	1.04
Far East Growth	135.60	144.30	..	0.43
Japan Growth	127.50	135.50†		
Special Sits	199.80	211.70	.	1.31
UK Growth	78.75	83.77	.	2.38
Trilon General	241.90	257.30†	.	0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	160.70	170.10		0.43
Gr Euro Prog Inc	338.00	357.70		0.27
(Accum Units)	525.60	556.20		0.27
Growth Inc	130.90	138.50		0.56
(Accum Units)	133.40	141.20	...	0.55
International Inc	335.70	355.20		0.39
(Accum Units)	460.40	487.30		0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	322.00	340.70		0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	226.60	239.80		1.19
UK High Inc Inc	133.80	141.60		3.71
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	67.36	71.66	+0.22	..
Asian Gwth	113.98	121.28	+1.22	0.75
European Gwth	69.84	74.23	-0.10	1.00
Global Bd	59.03	62.40	-0.12	5.00
Global Eq	58.08	61.79	-0.01	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	54.32	57.79	-0.61	..
UK Gwth	62.95	66.64	-0.03	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	71.58	76.15†	.	3.45
Amer Smlr Cos	121.50	129.30	+0.10	..
Asian Smaller Cos	40.74	43.34	-0.23	..
Capital Portfolio	125.80	133.80†	+0.20	1.97
Cash	127.50	127.50	.	5.62
China Dragon	59.67	63.46†	+0.08	1.18
Commodity	121.80	129.40	-0.80	0.48
Eastern Discovery	91.58	97.37†	+0.56	..
Emerging Mkts	38.85	41.33	-0.04	0.46
Energy Inds	129.60	137.90	+0.20	0.63
European Gwth	190.40	202.60	+1.60	0.07
Euro Inc & Gwth	78.50	83.51	+0.57	1.95
Euro Smlr Cos	54.30	57.83	+0.08	
Extra Income	52.16	53.99†	+0.11	5.80
Financial Secs	212.30	225.90	+2.50	1.76
Gilt & Fxd Int-Inc	48.29	50.97	+0.09	8.71
Gold & Exploration	75.42	80.23	-1.0	
High Return	228.70	243.30	+0.50	4.18
High Yield	228.60	243.20	+0.40	3.89
Income	120.60	128.30	+0.20	4.30
Intl Bond	169.10	178.80	-0.20	5.27
ITU	208.20	221.50†	+2.10	1.20
Japan Growth	156.00	166.00	+0.70	..
Japan Smaller	159.90	169.70†	-1.6	..
Korea	58.65	62.39	-0.73	..
Mastertrust	54.94	58.45	+0.13	1.38
Scotbits	321.60	342.10	+3.50	1.57
Scotshares	296.50	315.40†	+0.90	2.22
Scotyields	243.60	259.10	+0.70	3.38
Select Intl	137.00	145.70	+0.70	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc	246.90	262.90	+0.80	3.82
SE Asia	53.91	57.39†	+0.67	..
Special Situation	128.90	137.10	+0.42	0.87
UK Equity	249.60	265.70	+0.80	2.62
UK Growth	65.53	69.71†	+0.15	1.64
UK & O'seas	168.10	178.80	+1.20	1.36
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.23	51.31	+0.07	1.43
US Growth	154.90	164.50	+0.40	0.04
Univ Growth	138.10	144.80†	+0.90	0.77
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cint: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	265.40	281.59†	+0.69	1.09
(Accum Units)	290.21	308.25†	+0.76	1.09
European Gwth	77.54	82.33†	+0.44	1.64
Euro Smlr Cos	80.21	85.55	+0.86	0.58
Far Eastern Gth	95.54	101.90	+0.82	..
(Accum Units)	97.26	103.74	+0.83	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.53	54.34	+0.09	7.69
Global Bond	51.86	53.69	-0.07	6.81
(Accum Units)	57.00	58.90	-0.08	6.81
Global Emer Mkts	54.02	57.62†	+0.38	.
(Accum Units)	54.02	57.62†	+0.36	.
Income	356.90	380.69	+0.28	5.09
(Accum Units)	£11.34	£12.10	+0.89	5.09
Japan Smlr Cos	436.89	466.81	-3.56	.
(Accum Units)	437.76	468.94	-3.57	..
Japan Enterprise	64.39	68.68†	+0.07	
Pacific Gwth	137.76	146.94	+2.49	0.32
(Accum Units)	142.21	151.69	+2.57	0.32
Portfolio	82.59	88.09	+0.38	2.18
(Accum Units)	89.60	95.45	+0.41	2.18
Seoul	45.00	48.43†	-0.37	..
(Accum Units)	45.00	48.43†	-0.37	..
Smaller Cos	218.07	232.60	-0.08	1.50
Tokyo	118.49	126.38	+0.05	..
(Accum Units)	119.68	127.66	+0.05	..
UK Enterprise	266.97	284.76	+1.14	2.16
(Accum Units)	320.26	341.61	+1.38	2.16
UK Equity	247.93	264.45	+0.57	2.83
(Accum Units)	481.75	513.87	+1.11	2.83
US Smlr Cos	170.52	181.88†	+1.36	.
(Accum Units)	49.57	51.63†	+0.22	0.76
Institutional Funds				
European	245.74	253.37	+0.69	1.46
(Accum Units)	273.62	284.34	+0.65	1.46
Euro Smlr Cos	29.66	30.88†	+0.05	1.74
(Accum Units)	31.52	32.82†	+0.05	1.74
Global Equity Inc	78.26	82.56†	+0.20	1.02
Japan Smlr Cos	35.94	37.43	-0.46	0.33
(Accum Units)	36.22	37.72	-0.48	0.33
Mngd Balanced	191.73	199.71†	+0.44	3.01
(Accum Units)	218.79	227.90†	+0.50	3.01
Overseas Equity	192.30	200.31	+0.65	1.07
(Accum Units)	199.11	207.40	+0.67	1.07
Overs Smlr Cos	123.53	128.67	-0.39	0.82
(Accum Units)	129.29	134.58	-0.40	0.82
Pacific	258.68	269.65†	+4.15	1.24
(Accum Units)	283.21	295.00†	+4.54	1.24
Recovery	£18.92	£19.71	-0.45	2.96
(Accum Units)	£20.00	£20.84	-0.47	2.96
UK Index	156.29	162.80†	+0.39	3.56
(Accum Units)	192.94	200.97†	+0.48	3.58
UK Small Cos	115.92	120.75	-0.02	2.81
(Accum Units)	124.30	129.48	-0.01	2.81
US Smlr Cos	48.65	50.70†	+0.21	0.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	50.94	54.25	+0.35	3.74
Equity Trust	62.76	66.86	+0.51	3.12
Equity Strategy	73.94	78.75	+0.47	1.39
European Opps	88.97	95.50	+0.70	1.02
UK Smaller Cos	64.39	68.58	+0.03	1.33
Maximum Inc	99.28	101.65	+0.02	6.70
Japanese	71.15	75.77	-1.09	..
Asia Pacific	121.13	129.00	+1.37	1.23
American	108.59	115.65	+0.32	0.52
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.33	31.33	..	5.665
UK General Inc	53.44	57.00	+0.08	2.84
(Accum Units)	68.62	73.20	+0.11	2.84
Intl Income	286.30	303.20†	+0.70	1.01
(Accum Units)	459.60	489.00†	+1.30	1.01
European	83.96	89.93	+0.44	1.47
Japan	66.56	70.58	-0.10	0.06
American	71.66	75.60†	+0.36	1.02
Far East	85.34	91.02	+0.71	0.78
Ethical Inc	30.70	32.84	+0.04	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.64	37.00	+0.07	2.96
High Inc Inc	35.95	38.34†	+0.07	5.44
UK Global Inc	40.28	42.94	+0.22	1.57
Wwide Tact	70.72	75.20†	+0.30	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	55.87	58.54	+0.32	1.51
Technology	116.76	124.27†	+1.24	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	391.90	418.60		2.92
American	274.30	291.80		0.53
Pacific	378.30	404.60	...	0.80
European	570.20	609.80		1.31
Worldwide	88.31	94.45	.	0.76
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	272.60	290.00	+0.80	1.81
(Accum Units)	344.00	366.00	+0.80	1.81
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	204.40	217.50	+0.30	2.04
(Accum Units)	245.00	260.70	+0.30	2.04
Select Opportunity Inc	68.19	72.94	+0.37	2.08
Income Plus Inc	71.80	76.39	+0.20	4.14
European Inc	356.20	379.00	+1.20	1.19
(Accum Units)	402.40	428.10	+1.20	1.19
Far Eastern Inc	178.30	189.70†	+3.20	0.87
(Accum Units)	203.80	216.90†	+3.30	0.87
Japanese Inc	57.06	60.73	-0.22	..
Nth American Inc	244.40	260.10†	+1.40	0.77
(Accum Units)	269.70	287.00†	+1.40	0.77

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	201.10	214.00	+1.30	0.54
Wwide Venture Inc	80.76	85.92	-0.20	0.70
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	366.70	391.10	+2.50	2.66
(Accum Units)	544.20	580.40	+3.60	2.66
UK High Inc	183.00	195.20	+0.80	3.81
(Accum Units)	268.60	286.40	+1.20	3.81
Europe Inc	379.20	404.40	+3.30	0.43
Ics Asian Inc	224.00	238.90	+0.60	0.07
Global Inc	203.50	217.40	+0.80	0.39
Global Acc	218.80	233.50	+0.90	0.39
UK Spec Sits Inc	101.10	107.80	+0.30	3.26
South East Asia	225.30	240.30	-3.40	0.67
Cash Trust Inc	101.90	101.90	+0.10	5.64
UK Smlr Cos Inc	108.60	113.00	+0.10	2.09
(Accum Units)	108.40	115.60	+0.20	2.09
Intl Bond Inc	95.07	100.90	-0.10	5.93
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	146.30	153.70	-0.90	4.34
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	130.60	137.60	-0.50	0.85
Nth American	109.90	115.00	-0.50	0.39
Intl Bond & Conv	121.70	128.10	...	4.89
Pocket Pension (E)	192.00	205.40	...	2.14
Smaller Cos	77.72	81.81	+0.26	1.28
UK General	131.50	138.40	+0.40	1.89
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 0226				
Amer Gth Fund	107.60		+0.60	
Asia	74.14	.	-0.15	..
European	123.50		+0.90	
Global Bonds	95.07		+0.13	7.89
Japanese	47.60	.	-0.81	
UK Growth	99.39	.	+0.19	2.76
Tax Pref	101.80		-1.60	
UK Emerg Leaders	104.00		-0.20	1.36
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	317.30	335.70	+2.80	..
CaraCan	69.60	73.02	+0.33	0.90
Capital	123.10	132.00	+1.20	1.55
Cash	100.77	100.77	+0.03	5.88
European	136.10	144.00†	+0.90	1.21
Far Eastern	147.40	155.90	-1.70	..
Growth	135.00	142.90	+1.00	1.08
Income	126.10	133.40	+0.40	5.74
Magnum	131.70	141.40	-1.50	1.62
Smlr Secs	377.60	379.50	+1.30	0.90
Transatlantic	152.30	163.60	+1.70	1.46
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cash	49.62	50.18†		5.33
Cndtd Prudence	54.55	56.66	-0.10	8.19
Ethical	56.60	60.86	-0.13	2.60
European Growth	76.43	81.96	-0.24	2.80
Income	53.93	57.58†	+0.08	6.10
Intl Growth	100.40	107.60†	+0.30	2.80
Managed	84.41	90.76	+0.31	3.70
UK Growth	62.84	67.56	+0.31	3.30
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmnt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.15	40.36	+0.30	1.93
Global Advtg Acc	43.03	43.25	+0.30	1.93
Income Advtg Inc	31.89	32.06	+0.18	3.91
Income Advtg Acc	35.35	35.53	+0.18	3.91
UK Equity Gth Acc	67.64	71.70	+0.30	1.35
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.16	55.42	+0.30	1.74
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.27	39.60†	+0.20	3.36
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	46.71	49.63	+0.20	3.36
UK Equity Gen Acc	63.60	67.58	+0.50	2.20
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.54	49.45	+0.30	2.20
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.69	32.46†	+0.10	8.13
Overs Eq Co Acc	321.90	348.30	+0.50	1.87
Nth American Acc	47.23	50.13	+0.70	0.52
Far East Acc	68.92	73.23	-0.28	0.27
European Acc	54.27	57.67	+0.40	0.98
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	3.846	4.078		1.79
US Eqs (US$)	2.780	2.863	..	0.61
Far East Eqs (yen)	210.00	223.60		
Japan Eqts (yen)	187.60	199.30		
FT Europe	134.20	142.50		1.80
FT N Amer (UCS)	2.008	2.127	..	0.85
FT Japan (yen)	198.58	210.60	..	
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.578	2.738	.	1.39
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	382.60	406.50	-0.70	
British	£10.25	£10.84	-1.90	3.45
Emrging Mkts	142.30	151.60†	+0.10	0.45
European	542.00	577.30	-1.10	0.59
Japan	134.60	143.10	-0.50	..
New Pacific	389.80	416.20	+0.70	0.82
(Accum Units)	410.80	438.70	+0.80	0.82
Inv Trust Acc	261.40	277.10	+2.40	0.83
Mngd Equity	176.20	186.40	+0.20	1.75
Mngd Cash	95.95	95.92	+0.01	5.62
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 399				
Equity	839.50	897.90	+3.10	3.45
North America	129.80	138.80	+0.40	0.43
Far East	148.20	158.50	+2.20	0.29
Wwide Bond	58.37	61.98†	-0.06	4.93
European	105.80	113.20		0.80
Equity Income	91.60	97.97	+0.24	4.53
Portfolio	87.54	93.63†	+0.42	1.90
UK Leading Cos	62.32	66.47	+0.21	3.65
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	66.20	70.80	-0.09	.
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	22.77	24.23†	+0.18	0.80
European	38.41	40.87†	+0.07	0.20
High Income	33.51	35.65†	+0.03	4.80
Japan	34.25	36.44	-0.13	..
Managed Assets	129.39	138.39	+0.21	2.71
North American	33.72	35.88	+0.01	1.00
Smlr Co's Inc	30.67	32.63†	-0.01	2.60
Smlr Co's Acc	32.88	34.98†	-0.01	2.60
UK Growth Inc	58.94	62.71	+0.02	3.30
UK Growth Acc	63.83	67.91	+0.03	3.30
UK Income	41.68	44.59	+0.07	3.12
Worldwide Gth	35.89	38.39	+0.12	1.15
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	59.50	61.35†	-0.74	1.70
European Exmpt	84.04	88.64†	-0.06	1.70
Pacific Exmpt	60.06	61.92†	+0.14	0.90
US Exmpt	76.67	79.05	+0.28	1.90
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4844 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	48.86	51.98		
Cap Protectn Inc	41.95	44.87†	+0.09	2.97
UK Income Inc	51.99	55.69	+0.21	3.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.83	35.11†	+0.06	5.21
Mngd High Yld Inc	80.60	85.56†	+0.34	4.24
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	75.52	80.77†	+0.25	3.74
UK Smaller Cos	34.97	37.40	+0.13	2.04
Pacific Gth Port	49.02	52.43	+0.82	0.56
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	217.36	230.01	+0.76	.
(Accum Units)	239.41	253.34	+0.84	.
Brit Growth	98.34	104.06	-0.29	2.21
(Accum Units)	119.21	126.15	-0.35	2.21
European	108.53	112.73	+0.57	0.75
(Accum Units)	113.28	119.88	+0.61	0.75
Extra Income	193.80	205.08	+0.33	4.30
(Accum Units)	333.75	353.18	+0.58	4.30
Smaller Cos	73.70	77.99	+0.15	1.42
(Accum Units)	83.11	87.95	+0.17	1.42
General	290.51	307.41	+0.93	2.47
(Accum Units)	601.33	636.33	+1.93	2.47
Premier Income	49.28	51.33†	+0.02	6.24
(Accum Units)	113.99	118.74†	+0.06	6.24
Income	337.71	357.37	+0.70	3.79
(Accum Units)	740.47	783.57	+1.52	3.79
Pacific	408.38	430.91	+2.56	.
(Accum Units)	428.98	451.83	+2.68	.
International	537.77	569.07†	+1.38	0.36
(Accum Units)	707.60	748.78†	+1.80	0.36
Nat Resources	151.54	160.36†	-1.15	.
Skld Opps	108.34	114.65	+0.18	1.68
(Accum Units)	138.71	146.78	+0.23	1.68
Environmental Inv	63.35	67.03	+0.14	1.87
Selector	63.11	66.79†	+0.18	2.00
(Accum Units)	71.81	75.99†	+0.20	2.00
High Income	65.27	69.07	+0.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	83.15	87.99	+0.12	4.74
Intl Income	59.28	62.73	-0.03	4.90
(Accum Units)	74.42	78.75	-0.03	4.90
Selector Income	61.08	64.63†	+0.07	4.75
(Accum Units)	73.14	77.39†	+0.08	4.75
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	334.40	351.90	+0.90	2.89
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	208.13	222.60	+1.08	2.03
Glob Balncd Inc	175.61	187.82†	+0.80	3.57
Value Tst Inc	125.95	134.70	+0.53	1.83
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.62	43.29	-0.02	7.40
European Growth	280.60	293.82	+0.51	0.49
Exempt	536.30	559.78†	+1.85	3.09
Global Em Mkts	82.67	86.77†	+0.54	0.40
Japan Tst	72.21	75.61†	+0.09	
Little Dragons	93.71	98.12†	+1.29	
Nth Amer Gth	238.24	249.46	+0.87	0.60
Oriental Income	45.39	47.52	+0.30	2.30
Preference	125.21	131.10†	+0.36	9.00
Tiger	287.32	300.85†	+3.69	
(Accum Units)	301.85	316.07†	+3.88	..
UK Blue Chip	63.81	66.81	+0.18	2.00
UK Growth	514.84	538.89†	+1.39	2.40
UK High Yield	104.05	108.95†	+0.15	4.60
(Accum Units)	341.54	357.63†	+0.46	4.60
UK Mid-Cap	252.78	264.68†	+0.31	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	99.78	104.48	-0.42	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	90.21	94.46	+0.32	5.10
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 356				
UK Equity Income	100.42	106.83	+0.14	3.32
UK Equity Growth	88.56	94.84	+0.08	2.66
European	73.00	77.66	+0.16	1.38
Nth American	75.85	79.84	+0.13	0.99
Far Eastern	69.03	73.44	-0.03	1.01
Money	67.83	67.83	+0.01	4.70
Fixed Interest	71.33	78.01	+0.04	6.68
Index Linked Gilt	68.86	73.26	+0.20	1.31
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.63	24.87	+0.32	.
Pacific Basin	44.93	46.66	+0.52	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.98	0.93	+0.00	...
Penny Share	38.78	40.82	-0.21	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 3444				
Challenger	97.21	99.57	+0.49	.
Short Dtd Gilt	114.89	116.10†	+0.20	.
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	...	0.84
Gilt Income	50.79	52.85	+0.20	7.50
Gilt Growth	72.93	75.80	+0.21	
City Reserve	52.58	52.58	.	5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	51.16	54.15	+0.08	1.85
UK Stockmarket	81.67	86.86	+0.09	2.57

Source: Finstat

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The Heritage Minister's paper on cross-media ownership leaves some vital decisions still hanging in the air

The questions Dorrell ducked

Not so much a mouse, more a can of worms. Stephen Dorrell's long-awaited paper on cross-media ownership emerged yesterday from his Department of National Heritage to raise as many questions as it answers. For example: what practical difference will it make?

Nothing in it will make any of the concentrations of newspaper ownership immediately give up anything they now own. Nothing will allow the biggest holders of stakes in ITV to hold bigger stakes still. Nothing in it will quiet some of the fears raised by media leaders this month: about access to encryption technology, about Classic FM, about Channel 4.

But some big changes are clear amid the percentage signs and murky distinctions between primary and secondary legislation to achieve short-term and long-term goals of media regulation.

● The old barriers between print and screen, are down: official. The media market — newspapers plus broadcasting — has been recognized to be a whole.

● Independent Television News is to remain in the control of the ITV companies. They had been under orders to sell a controlling share in ITN to outside shareholders in a matter of months. But now a battle which in recent years some fought hard and lost has been won. The ITV companies, which are ITN's biggest customer and were originally the founder of the news service, will be allowed to own more than 50 per cent of the company. This is good news for ITN (because it ensures continuity); less good for two of ITV's biggest owners, Carlton and Granada, because nothing proposed yesterday removes their obligation to reduce their own shareholdings within ITN to 20 per cent. Divestiture for them at least will be a reality.

● Local radio will never be so local again. The limit on the number of licences which can be held will be raised from 20 to 35. In other words, big radio networks will form, with pockets of local opt-outs.

● That nebulous quality, "the public interest", is defined in economic terms: the right for new companies to enter, survive and grow in the changing media environment is seen as the best guarantee of diversity of opinion.

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Commission will gain in power. In the long run, says yesterday's document, a new regulator may be created to supervise cross-media ventures. But in the short run, it is the ITC which will decide whether the newly allowed acquisitions of terrestrial television licences by British newspapers are in the public interest.

● The media are not just another industry. Diversity of opinion, which they provide, is too important to be regulated solely by the existing national anti-monopoly, pro-competition agencies.

Mr Dorrell was very insistent on this vital point. How odd, therefore, that his policy paper proposes to leave one of the most controversial issues in media concentration to existing competition law and the Office of Fair Trading. It is especially odd because David Glencross, chief executive of the (now newly powerful) ITC, this month declared that special legislation would be necessary, at home and across Europe, to make sure that, when digital television arrives, the set-top box, or decoder, which allows access to subscription channels, remains accessible to all those who want to sell pay-TV services to the public.

Delivering the annual Goodman lecture, Mr Glencross disputed the view held by BSkyB (the satellite company partly owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*) that voluntary agreements between broadcasters will be sufficient to ensure fair entry for newcomers. He called for common access to be made legally compulsory. He raised the possibility that a broadcasting organisation (he was too tactful to mention BSkyB by name) which not only sells its own satellite channels but also owns the set-top encryption system in widest use, would be in a position to set the price of admission into the digital pay-TV market for its potential competitors.

On this matter, Mr Dorrell said yesterday that he is willing to trust the director-general of Fair Trading. Perhaps the Heritage Secretary, whose red-rimmed eyes suggest what this policy document has cost him, is wise to leave some matters for others to decide. Still waiting on his desk are decisions on digital television, on the financing of the British film industry, on television transmission, on the future of the BBC and maybe on privacy law. That is a lot of homework to finish before his expected exit from the department whose name he may yet turn from the Ministry of Fun into the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

Cuddle up with a customer and get rich

In the future, says Don Peppers, our needs will be met by companies that know us intimately. **Alan Mitchell** reports

The language of marketing rings with the jargon of war. Consumers are "targeted" through advertising "campaigns" which run in "bursts". Direct marketing, which is often counterposed to advertising, merely uses different methods: it is a "rifle shot" as opposed to a "scatter gun".

All this is about to change, business executives were told yesterday at a Royal Mail conference on the emergence of personal, or one-to-one marketing. Cutting edge marketers are abandoning adversarial marketing and making love not war.

The chief proponent of this message was Don Peppers, the American marketing guru, who was making his first public appearance in Britain. Marketers, he believes, should be cuddling up close to their customers, earning their trust and collaborating with them in designing and delivering the products and services they want.

Instead of spending a fortune researching, designing, making and advertising their products, the most successful companies will turn the whole process on its head, asking individual customers to specify exactly what they want and then delivering it to them.

This will be possible, says Peppers, a former advertising executive, because of rapid advances in computing and communications technology. A combination of interactive media and computerised manufacturing technologies means that marketers will be able to mass-customise: offering coffee or tea blended just the way you like it; a swimsuit that's made to fit and flatter only you; or a car with the specific combination of colours, style, size, and added extras you alone choose.

Together, Peppers says, these advances are already beginning to turn traditional marketing structures and practices "completely upside down".

The most powerful marketing organisation of the future, he suggests, will be neither the traditional branded goods manufacturer nor the currently all-powerful retail chain. It will be a different beast altogether. In its past, it may have made or distributed goods or services, but now it derives its special power from its close and trusting relationship with consumers. They confide their needs and desires to it in the secure knowledge that their confidences will not be betrayed. Their privacy will be protected, but they will still get one of the best deals around.

How? If you want to go on a skiing holiday, the "information broker" will make this selling opportunity known to travel agents and tour operators. It will then pass on the best offers that most closely match your requirements. Only if you decide to buy a particular holiday will any travel company get to know your name and address. And when you return from the trip, the broker will ask you how it went, so that its other customers can benefit from your experience. Likewise, if you want to get a whiter wash for your delicates, it might tell you that most customers have found that Brand X is best for the job.

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Don Peppers has seen the future: coffee blended to your taste; swimsuits made to your shape; and tailor-made cars

Companies like this, Peppers says, will make their money because they have "learning relationships" with consumers. Individual customers teach the company more and more about their own preferences and needs, and the more they do so, the better the company can provide exactly what they want, when, where, and how. Provided it can keep their trust (and maintain competitive prices and quality), it has an almost unbeatable marketing edge.

Such learning relationships may be initiated at the purchase of a single product or service. But increasingly, Peppers predicts, they will be built by "learning brokers" whose expertise lies in matching other firms' products and services to meet existing customers' requirements. Such companies will leave traditional market share wars to desperate commodity suppliers. Their focus is on "customer share" — a bigger slice of each customer's spending.

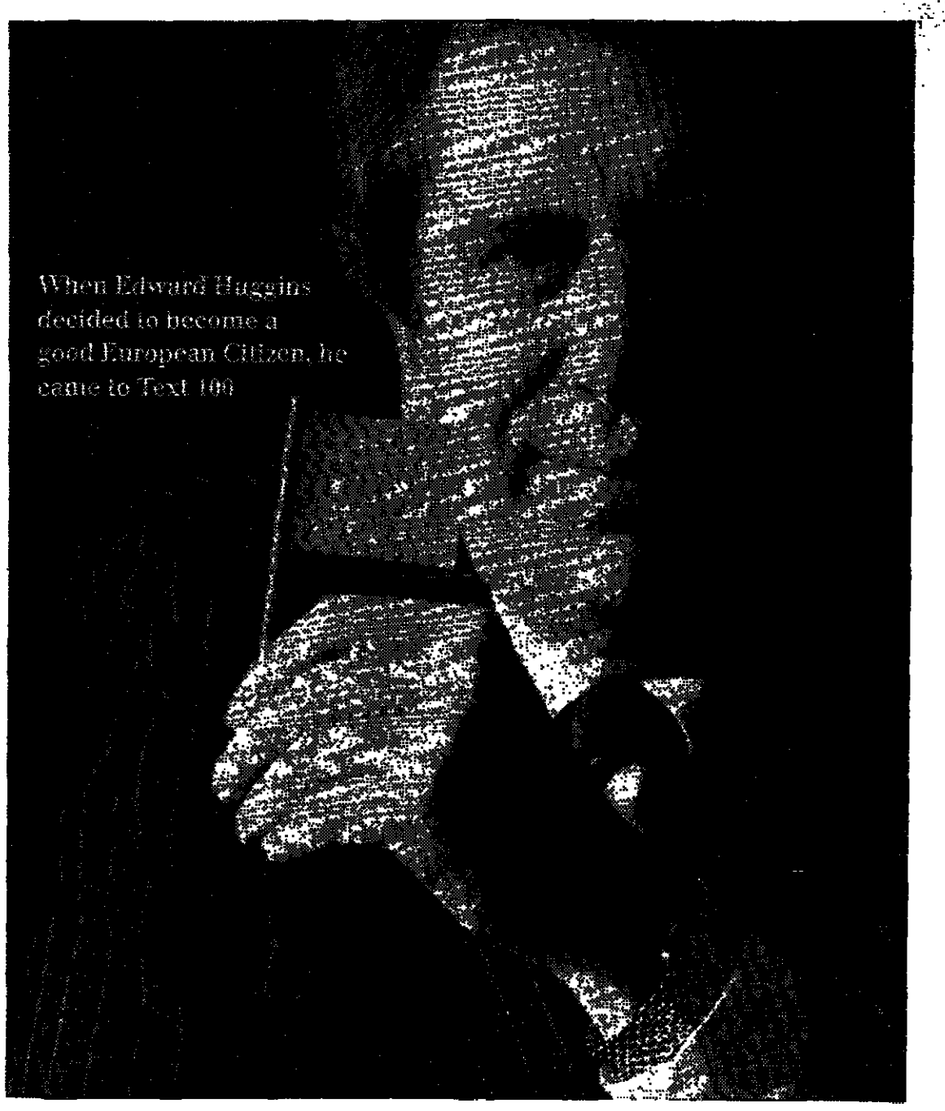
In future, Peppers suggests, instead of having companies employ product or brand managers whose job is to find customers for their products, they will employ new-style customer managers whose main task is to find products for their customers. Instead of brands vying for our cash, companies will be jostling for our trust.

If Peppers is right, many traditional marketing practices are due for an overhaul. Instead of marketers targeting consumers to sell products they have already made, consumers will indicate their needs to marketers who will then compete to meet them. Traditional one-way advertising from company to consumer will give way to dialogues between consumers and companies.

Instead of consumers going to stores to choose from a bewildering array of products, marketers will congregate around "virtual bazaars" run by learning brokers to sell an array of sales prospects.

Peppers peppers his conversation with examples of companies which, he claims, are edging towards this brave new marketing world: from the flower seller who reminds clients when their mother-in-law's birthday is, to home shopping companies which log each transaction, building an ever-expanding database on each customer.

Fully fledged one-to-one marketing, he concedes, is still a long way away. But just as many of the powerful brands that were spawned in the very earliest days of mass marketing and mass advertising still dominate their markets today, so those companies that are first to move beyond adversarial marketing to embrace collaboration with the customer could dominate tomorrow's marketing landscape.



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Graham Allen on Labour's liking for community-based networks

TV power to the people

Speculation about which consortium of media players will win the Channel 5 television licence has drowned out public debate about what kind of service the station might usefully offer to viewers. An early possibility that Channel 5 might be used for a network of local or city stations has faded and attention has focused on the size of the applicants' wallets and their plans to create a national entertainment service.

The avenues for creating a local TV network in the UK are not, however, closed. This summer the Department of National Heritage is expected to publish a consultation document on digital terrestrial television to allow the creation of 12 to 16 terrestrial stations.

The Labour Party believes that the digital round of bidding will permit the Independent Television Commission and the next Government to put right the missed opportunities of the past so there is adequate provision for local programming and local channels. Labour will ensure that the digital revolution can spawn many local channels. Such a shift in emphasis will, we hope, encourage the BBC and ITV to re-engineer their resources towards local broadcasting opportunities.

A Labour government would also seek to deliver an energising boost to local TV throughout Britain by encouraging Channel 5, cable television and others to innovate with quality local channels.

The case for a local or city-based network, offering something genuinely different from existing terrestrial broadcasting, is stronger than ever. Just as cable and satellite owners are realising that their viewers want more domestic programmes, so they will realise that local channels could be a unique advantage.

Local television would ensure cultural, economic, social and ethnic differences in Britain found life on the screen, democratically enabling a plurality of views to flourish. It would counter the withering of regional television and threaten the dominance of London-based broadcasting elites. By connecting citizens to each other, local TV can regenerate a sense of community and shared identity.

Viewer demand for such a service seems to be strong. A 1988 ITC study found that 74 per cent of those involved wanted more media coverage of their locality. Some cable companies are already exploring ways of broadcasting about and with, rather than simply to, a community. Take Diamond Cable, serving a cluster of Midlands towns,



Graham Allen: revolution

with a network enabling local opt-outs for programming of interest to specific communities. Diamond is working in partnership with Nottingham's local council, providing the facilities to make programmes about council activities for screening on a newly expanded local channel. Broadcast time is offered to local colleges, employment trainers and organisers of community events for locally made programmes.

Labour will explore ways of empowering the ITC to insist on a strong local element in cable broadcasting, particularly where cable companies are reaping rich financial rewards from accessing the streets of our communities. The ITC should also consider ways of involving local people in running local channels, blending the genuine exercising of democratic choice with commercial viability. Perhaps this could be achieved by a devolved ITC structure able to allocate local frequencies and channels.

We should look to promote universal access to local services in order to enable universal involvement in community broadcasting. Encouraging the entry of BT into the provision of entertainment services holds out the possibility of 92 per cent of the population (telephone users) accessing that which only 5 per cent (cable users) can access now, immediately making local advertising, and therefore local channels, viable.

After almost 60 years of television, we still allow a small elite to control the entirety of broadcasting to and for all 58 million of us. It is time to broaden the involvement of citizens in television, to counter the erosion of diversity in the search for mass audiences and to begin a democratic process of returning our rich broadcast culture to the needs of the local viewer.

● *The author is Shadow Minister for Media.*

THE TIMES TV TOP 10: OVER 55s VERSUS UNDER 55s

May 6 and 7, 1995

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	Audience (Millions) Over 55s	Under 55s	All 4+
Over 55s									
1	VE50:Celebration Concert	Sun 07	18.01	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	5.4	3.3	8.6
2	News And Weather	Sun 07	18.00	BBC1	BBC News & C A	News	5.0	3.8	8.8
3	Antiques Roadshow	Sun 07	17.15	BBC1	BBC Features	Lifestyle	4.8	4.0	8.9
4	Prime Suspect	Sun 07	21.03	ITV	Granada Television	Drama Series	4.8	8.4	13.2
5	As Time Goes By	Sun 07	20.10	BBC	D L Taffner	Sit-com	4.7	3.8	8.5
6	News	Sat 06	22.03	ITV	ITN	News	4.1	3.6	7.7
7	Songs Of Praise	Sun 07	18.26	BBC1	BBC	Religious	3.8	1.6	5.5
8	Inspector Morse	Sat 06	20.04	ITV	Zenith Prodns	Drama Series	3.7	3.2	6.9
9	The National Lottery Live	Sat 06	19.49	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	3.4	6.6	10.0
10	News 45:VE Day	Sun 07	21.01	BBC1	BBC	Documentary	3.3	2.7	6.0
Under 55s									
1	Prime Suspect	Sun 07	21.03	ITV	Granada Television	Drama Series	4.8	8.4	13.2
2	The National Lottery Live	Sat 06	19.49	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	3.4	6.6	10.0
3	Bugs	Sat 06	20.06	BBC1	Carnival Films	Drama Series	2.5	6.4	8.9
4	New Adventures Of Superman	Sat 06	18.24	BBC1	Warner	Drama	1.8	5.1	6.7
5	Shine On Harvey Moon	Sun 07	20.30	ITV	Witzend Prods	Sit-com	2.9	5.1	8.0
6	News	Sun 07	23.03	ITV	ITN	News	2.8	4.9	7.7
7	Surprise Surprise	Sun 07	19.29	ITV	LWT	Entertainment	3.0	4.6	7.6
8	News, Sport And Weather	Sat 06	20.55	BBC1	BBC News	News	2.8	4.5	7.3
9	Stars In Their Eyes	Sat 06	19.18	ITV	Granada	Entertainment	2.9	4.5	7.4
10	Confessions	Sat 06	19.10	BBC1	Hat Trick Prods	Entertainment	1.3	4.1	5.4

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Prime viewing

THE BBC's coverage of VE-Day during the weekend of May 6 and 7 appears, understandably, to have been more popular with viewers old enough to remember 1945 than with the younger generation (*Alexandra Frean writes*). Thanks to a high proportion of viewers aged 55 and over, BBC1's coverage of the Royal British Legion VE-Day Celebration Concert in Hyde Park, London (which included Vera Lynn and Harry Secombe) attracted 8.6 million viewers. But not even the VE-Day celebrations could eclipse *Prime Suspect*, the ITV police thriller starring Helen Mirren, which attracted 13.2 million.



■ OPERA

Glyndebourne strikes gold with its revival of *Ermione*, a long-neglected Rossini tragedy



■ POP

"A goal set and a goal met": Stevie Wonder is in top form for a good cause at the Albert Hall

THE TIMES ARTS



■ PROFILE

Where would the arts in Yorkshire and Humberside be without the driving force of Sir Ernest Hall?



■ POETRY

Philip Howard offers three laurel wreaths of approval to Penguin for reviving its modern poets series

Madness made magnificent

OPERA: Glyndebourne pulls out all the stops to do a rarely performed Rossini tragedy proud, says **Rodney Milnes**

DONALD COOPER



Anna Caterina Antonacci, "her voice seamless from smoky low notes to gleaming top", in the title role and Bruce Ford, "one of today's leading Rossini tenors", as the mad Orestes in Glyndebourne's *Ermione*

Monday will surely go down in Glyndebourne's history as one of the Great Nights — the first time it has mounted one of Rossini's serious operas (and pray not the last), and done so with astounding success. As *Ermione* galloped with headlong momentum to its hair-raising finishing line you felt you had been through an emotional car-wash, buffeted from all sides by the increasingly frenzied behaviour of what must be one of the most dysfunctional cast-lists in the operatic canon.

There are several mysteries about this amazing work. After a single performance in Naples in 1819, Rossini withdrew the score. It was not performed again until 1977, and not staged until ten years later in Pesaro. Why? In a fascinating programme note Patric Schmid suggests that the opera Rossini was supposed to write for London in 1824, the score of which was mysteriously lodged in a city bank-vault for six years, may have been *Ermione* in disguise: bits of it had already turned up in other operas, and the composer was a notorious cannibaliser. That would explain why, unlike the Neapolitan successes *Mosè* and *Maometto II*, Rossini did not adapt it for the Paris stage. "It will not see the light of day until after my death," he said, and he was right.

Ermione
Glyndebourne

And why did it fail in 1819? Presumably because it was "nasty modern music", in which case it is decidedly witty of Glyndebourne to be playing it cheek by jowl with Birtwistle's *The Second Mrs Kong*. Even in Naples, one of the most sophisticated operatic centres of the day, *Ermione* must have sounded unexpected, experimental, dangerously radical.

The source is Racine's *Andromaque*. The opera is short — just two hours — and highly concentrated. Nothing happens quite as it should. The chorus twice interrupts the overture; characters do not necessarily present themselves with cavatinas; cavatinas turn into free ariosos; what you think is going to be a formal solo turns into a fraught dialogue; scenes don't end with a bang, but with a recitative; an expected cabaletta is held back until you imagine it isn't going to come, and then hits you between the eyes when it does. You are forever on the edge of your seat wondering what on earth Rossini is going to do next.

And the music tells you about the characters and their feelings with — even for Rossini — uncommon power. In the aftermath of the Trojan War Pyrrhus loves his captive Andromache, widow of Hector, and blackmails her into marriage by threatening to hand her son over to the murderous visiting Greeks, led by Orestes. Hermione, Pyrrhus's fiancée, is not pleased and orders the besotted Orestes to murder him, but has second thoughts (too late).

So there are three people in the grip of erotic obsession, their irrational behaviour underpinned with jagged, neurotic accompaniment figures, eccentric vocal intervals, murky instrumentation — you know from the music accompanying Orestes's entrance that he is pretty wonky before he has opened his mouth. Squirling piccolos that add to the hilarity of Rossini's comic finales here suggest the madness gripping the dramatis personae.

The triumph of Graham Vick's production is that he has found a way of presenting this dangerously melodramatic material to a modern audience without a hint of embarrassment. Richard Hudson's set is a tilted theatre auditorium, and his handsome costumes are vaguely Victorian. Within this context the cast can gesture extravagantly, swoop around the stage swishing their trains and generally chew the scenery while looking perfectly at home. It is daring but it works and, as lit by Wolfgang Göbbel, it looks sumptuous.

But such expert stagecraft would be to no avail if the opera were not superbly sung. Anna Caterina Antonacci is on marvellous form in the title role, her voice seamless from smoky low notes to gleaming top, and the crazy coloratura holds no terrors for her. Diana Montague, looking wonderful in her ice-blue gown in contrast to the dangerous reds and purples of the others, sings with poised beauty as one of the few sane people on stage.

Bruce Ford, one of today's leading Rossini tenors, has found new honey in his tone to match his amazing ease above the stave, and his dramatic presentation of the deranged Orestes is distinctly frightening. Maybe the Mexican tenor Jorge Lopez-Yanez concentrates on fullness of sound at the expense of fluidity, and maybe Vick presents Pyrrhus as too much the calculating tyrant, too little the obsessed lover, but if Lopez-Yanez relaxes into the run, all will be well.

The sound of the London Philharmonic in full cry comes as a shock in music last played here by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Period instruments emphasise the neurasthenic, quicksilver qualities of the score, but it is impossible not to be swept away by the fervour and energy of Andrew Davis's conducting.

● *Ermione will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on May 30, and on Channel 4 on June 3*

Hall in a day's work and play

Michael Church tries to keep up with industrialist, property developer and concert pianist Sir Ernest Hall

Some say life begins at 40. A few put a brave face on it, and make it 50. But when a 65-year-old claims he is just entering his prime, one tends to wonder. What are we to make of Sir Ernest Hall? Consider his schedule this week: he spent Monday in Halifax at Dean Clough Mill, the gigantic "practical utopia" of which he is the founder-owner and chairman. The day's business included the induction of a new director for his American-style children's museum of science and technology, and a meeting with Northern Ballet Theatre (chairman E. Hall).

Yesterday and today he is in St Petersburg for the official unveiling of a facsimile edition of Pushkin's notebooks. Thursday: to Stockport, to a rehearsal with the pianist Mari Kodama, plus orchestra. Friday: more rehearsals, then a meeting at Yorkshire and Humberside Arts (chairman E. Hall), then a meeting with the Creative Jazz Orchestra (he plans to make Dean Clough a centre for jazz).

Saturday morning at Dean Clough, keeping tabs on an empire in which 200 companies employ 3,000 people. Saturday evening: Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, performed in Stockport by Kodama and E. Hall. "I have the feeling", he says, "that the next 15 years are going to be the most successful and creative of my life."

Any doubts one may have had about his musical excellence will have been dispelled by his recent recording of Bartók's First and Second Piano Concertos. His business acumen, which took him to the top of the weaving trade in the 1960s and made him a leader in the property-development game in the 1970s, has been proved beyond question. So what makes him run?

He was born in the back streets of Bolton. "I was reputed to be able to play any tune on the mouth-organ by the age of two," he says. When he was eight, and out visiting with his parents, he found a piano and taught himself to play *The Bluebells of Scotland*. His parents lashed out 30 shillings for a piano with a cracked sounding board. He began to compose, had a piece performed on the wireless, and finally won a place at the Royal Manchester College of Music. He graduated with a major prize for composition, but after National Service concluded he would have to earn his living in commerce. He learnt to weave, book-keep and type. "But I never stopped regarding myself as a pianist."

Once he'd got Dean Clough afloat, he turned back to music and began to play concertos with local orchestras. The turning point came when he was invited to perform with the Bulgarian violinist Vanya Milanova for a Compass Theatre production of *Amadeus*. "I suddenly realised my playing had to improve dramatically," he says. Henceforth, after the nine-hour office day, he did four more hours on the Steinway at home.



Hall: "The next 15 years will be my most creative"

At 19, he was one of four pianists chosen by Manchester to mark the anniversary of Chopin's death with a concert at which he played the Op 10 Studies. His major project now is a recording of Chopin's entire *oeuvre*, starting in October with the Scherzos.

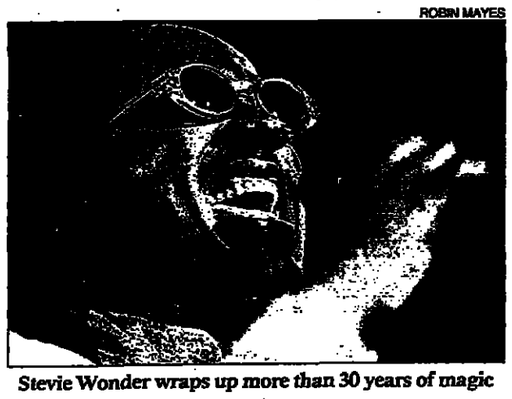
He is composing, and also writing a manual on piano technique. "I don't know of a good one," he says. "I had to learn things the hard way. I'd like to pass on the wisdom I've acquired."

Quoting his favourite American millionaire — "Stay ignorant! Once you get smart, you know it can't be done" — Hall holds forth on the power of innocence, and the romance of creation, whether in music or bricks and mortar. So what makes him run? Talent, astuteness and will.

Live and kicking aid

POP: An evening of songs in the key of a legend's life, and all in a good cause

ROBIN MAYES



Stevie Wonder wraps up more than 30 years of magic

Stevie Wonder
Albert Hall

ABSENT too long from a British concert stage and, consequently, feverishly anticipated by the local faithful, Stevie Wonder upped the stakes still higher in his first aside to Monday night's audience. This, the first of two performances benefiting the National Institute for the Blind, marked the realisation of a long-held ambition and of several years of planning — "a goal set and a goal met".

As such, Wonder continued, it brought him a measure of satisfaction comparable only with that occasion when the Reagan administration acceded to his campaign to have Martin Luther King's birthday recognised as an American national holiday. Cue tumultuous applause and proudly beating hearts — but also a sense of unease.

After all, the past 15 years have seen the one-time Boy Wonder judged harshly. A chart star at 12 (*Fingertips — Pt 2*), a songwriting great by 20 (*I Was Made to Love Her, My Cherie Amour*) and inarguably the most innovative black pop musician of his generation by 26 (that quartet of classic albums in the 1970s, *Talking Book, Innervisions, Fulfillingness' First Finale* and *Songs in the Key of Life*) he was also widely perceived as being washed up and commercially wasted at 30.

Not so: the 1980s provided him with two of his biggest sellers, the Paul McCartney duet *Ebony and Ivory* and that karaoke classic, *I Just Called to Say I Love You*. But for fans of a man once at the cutting edge of pop-soul, there was little pleasure to be taken in either.

So how would the dreadlocked man of 45 in the white two-piece with silver and gold detail approach an event of such obvious personal importance? This year's *Conversation Peace*, the first full studio album in eight years, gave grounds for cautious optimism. By no means a classic, it at least showed something of the mastery of pop composition and social comment that combined so memorably in the best of his mid-period work. And the fact that a clearly relaxed and at times almost childishly humorous Wonder planned his set list along the lines of a partial Greatest Hits ensured the overwhelming success of what must rank as one of the most carnival-like evenings in recent Albert Hall memory.

Backed variously by full orchestra, his personal band or merely his own grand piano and electronic keyboard, the singer got underway by juxtaposing new material (*Sensuous Whisper* and the particularly crowd-pleasing *Cold Chill*) with some of the least adorned but most lovely of his older songs (a stunning trio of *You and I, Ribbon in the Sky* and *If It's Magic*). The latter third of a two-hour show was a romp home to glory: *Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours; Sir Duke; You are the Sunshine of My Life; Superstition* ...

Even the closing performance of *I Just Called* ..., supported by four visually impaired children, seemed acceptable after a build-up like that. And the only wonder remaining at the end of a triumphant evening was that a score or more of his better songs remained unplayed.

ALAN JACKSON

Philip Howard hails the imminent reissue of Penguin's cheap anthologies of modern poetry

Happy return for an endangered species

Everybody agrees that poetry is the queen of the literary genres. Well, almost everybody. I once had an editor who declared, "I *hate* poetry". And he sounded as though he meant it.

The precision of poetry does not suit the slapdashery of newspaper deadlines, which enforce a daily cut-off point when you have to print something less than perfect rather than a blank space. You commission the poet laureate for a poem to celebrate royal nuptials, and you end up with a distasteful threnody about dead birds. The archives of *The Times* are thick with letters from Rudyard Kipling insisting on pettyfogging changes in punctuation in his poems that no columnist other than a very grand old poet would (or should) be allowed to dictate.

Literary piety insists that poetry is queen. As far as we can tell, it was the earliest literary form. Modern children first learn literature through verse, as likely to be advertising jingles as nursery rhymes these days. But nobody publishes much poetry.

In one way this is a golden age for poetry. You only need to go to any literary festival or workshop to see that more people of all sorts, sexes, classes and levels are writing the stuff. The most common question from the floor once the formal talking has ceased, whatever the topic, is: "Would you like to read (publish) my poetry (novel)?"

The Salamander Oasis Trust has lodged in the Imperial War Museum more than 14,000 poems written on active service by all ranks and sexes during the Second World War, the first war for the common poet(ess). An astonishing number of aspirant poets send their unsolicited work to newspapers for comment and in the faintest hope of publication.

But we are less united about reading than writing the hard stuff of literature. We prefer to write (and if possible publish) our own poetry rather than buy or read other people's. There is no generally agreed Parnassus of great poets, as there was a generation ago with Auden and Eliot. Instead there are as many hillocks as in East Anglia, each with competing groups of poets singing to small audiences, from performance poetry to rap and concrete to rhyme. Publishers and editors stick to bottom-line 94: "There's no money in poetry".

With honourable exceptions such as Faber, OUP and Bloodaxe, they prefer frequent anthologies of old poetry with increasingly esoteric criteria for selection, such as *The Laureate Book of Humorous Animal Erotic Verse*. But it is difficult for new poets to find a publisher. The days when Byron could wake up and find that *Childe Harold* had made him famous overnight, or when Tennyson's *Idylls of the King* were top of every wedding-list, or *Four Quartets* became a best-seller seem long gone.

All those poets out there can now read how it is done

So three wreaths of laurel for Penguin, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary by reviving its modern poets series. This series first ran a generation ago, with three writing poets to a slim vol at prices for the slimmest pocket. The 81 poets featured then are witnesses to the taste and ears of their editors 30 years ago. They include most of the names that have since become famous, from Elizabeth Jennings to Stevie Smith and Lawrence Durrell to Allen Ginsberg. Indeed, the Adrian Henri, Roger McGough and Brian Patten volume has not been out of print since its first publication.

The first three volumes, published tomorrow, contain selections from James Fenton, Blake Morrison and Kit Wright; Carol Ann Duffy, Vicki Feaver and Eavan Boland; and Glyn Maxwell, Mick Imlah and Peter Reading. In each volume the poets have made their own choice of their poems, and some have chosen to end their selections with recent work not yet published.

I remember Fenton saying that, in order to get away from politics and newspapers, he was off to the Philippines as a corner of the world where odd things happened. He arrived just in time to report, with a poet's eye for the trivial that illuminates the important, the revolution that brought down the Marcoses. He also brought back for Penguin *Cut-Throat Christ* and *The Milkfish Gatherers*, as well as fine poetry from even wilder parts of the Far East and the hungry heart at home.

Penguin publishes stuff these days, from soggy Aga-sagas to knicker-rippers, that might have shocked its founding fathers. Some of its prices disgrace the original notion of a library for the pocket of Everyman. But its modern poets, at £5 for three, are a fitting tribute to the populist Penguin principle. All those solipsistic would-be poets out there can now read how it is done. Even those who claim to *hate* poetry might take a look at the work of the most important writers of any generation.





TONIGHT 1

Jitterbugging with Yum-Yum: just a small nod at G&S as *Hot Mikado* arrives for a West End run



TONIGHT 2

Barely trad and hardly Strad: teenage violinist Vanessa Mae teams up with Kiki Dee on tour in Glasgow

THE TIMES
ARTS



VISUAL ART

Not the Chelsea Flower Show, but close: the V&A goes all botanical with its exhibition, *Picturing Plants*



MUSIC

With a Takemitsu work in tow, Japan's brilliant new Shinsei Orchestra shows its class in Brighton

LONDON

HOT MIKADO. Opening night for a jazz and jitterbug version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with Nanki-Poo a trombone player with the local big band and Yum-Yum a doo-wah singer. Smash hit musical direct from Washington DC, with Lawrence Hamilton as the Mikado and Ross Lehman as Ko-Ko. **Queen's,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm. mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm

JEFF BANKS LOVES MY SISTER. Ann Bryson (the dark-haired lovely in the Philadelphia Cheese commercials) opens a one-woman comedy about the pangs of sibling rivalry and a revenge set to climax on a sister's wedding day. Audrey Cooke directs. **Hampstead,** Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 5pm. Until June 3

GLENNIE AND SLATKIN. The Philharmonia Orchestra has a lively pairing tonight of conductor Leonard Slatkin and the percussionist Evelyn Glennie. Tippett's *Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli* opens the performance, followed by MacMillan's *Veni, veni, Emmanuel* and Walton's Symphony No 1. **Festival Hall,** South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. Pianist **Barry Douglas** and the **London Mozart Players** team up this week for a series of four concerts: tonight's performance includes Mozart's Symphony No 34 in C and German Dances, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 in C and Schubert's Symphony No 6 in C. **Symphony Hall,** Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. Then Thurs in London, Festival Hall (0171-928 8800). Fri, **Bradford,** St George's Hall (01274 752000); Sat, **Croydon** Fairfield (081-688 9291)

NORTHAMPTON. It's all festivals, clog and ribbon dances and mother-daughter travels as the **Royal Ballet of Flanders** brings its new production of *La Fille mal gardée* to town. Joseph Lazzini's choreography continues its mixture of comedy and romance so popular since the ballet's creation in 1789. **Derngate,** Guildhall Road (01604 24811). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats today and Sat, 2.30pm

GLASGOW. Teenage violin prodigy **Vanessa Mae** breezes in tonight, as part of her whistlestop UK tour. Her special guest is Kiki Dee and it should be quite some show. **Royal Concert Hall,** Buchanan Street (0141-227 9511). Tonight, 7.30pm.

YORK. Treat yourself to **Hot Shoe Shuffle,** a cocktail of high-energy tap and big bad sounds from Gershwin to Ellington and Fats Waller to Cab Calloway. Great fun. **Opera House,** Cumberland Street (01904 671818). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. Allen Jones: Graphic Retrospective, final week (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum.** Mexican Gallery (0171-636 1555) . . . **Design Museum.** Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-407 6261). **Hayward:** Landscapes of France: Impressionism and its Rivals (071-928 3144) . **National Gallery:** Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery.** Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Serpentine.** Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate:** Turner in Germany, Art Now: new gallery space (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A:** Prints of the Raphael Cartoons: Ironworks and Glass Galleries (0171-938 8500) . . **Whitechapel.** Guillermo Kuitca (0171-522 7888)

Saying it with flowers

VISUAL ART: **John Russell Taylor** saunters through a centuries-old garden of floral art on show at the Victoria & Albert Museum

There is something about the disciplines of botanical illustration that leaves the artist curiously naked. The convention almost universally observed in the Victoria & Albert's big summer show, *Picturing Plants*, is that the plant concerned is all there is. Occasionally a butterfly may be added to the composition, to give a sense of scale. But only two or three of the pictures shown venture into creating a fully fledged landscape to set the plant in its normal habitat.

This means that for the most part the artist is out on his (or occasionally her) own, forced somehow to reconcile the claims of scientific accuracy with those of art for its own sake. But then, like the prospect of immediate death, such challenges and constrictions seem to concentrate the mind remarkably. From the early 16th century to within living memory, artist after artist manages to produce stunningly beautiful images while at the same time doing all that needs to be done in terms of scientific record — at least, according to Gill Saunders, author of the finely illustrated "analytical history" that accompanies the show.

> Some of the most telling images are from the earliest herbals

The scientific side proves unexpectedly absorbing even for visitors whose whole initial interest is in the attractions of the images as images. One thing that soon becomes clear is that the special discipline of botanical illustration has something in common with that other special discipline of draughtsmen, architectural illustration. Both of them were perfectly understandable as long as there was no ready alternative, in the shape of colour photography, let alone virtual reality engendered in a computer. But now, presumably, both forms of illustration have been replaced and become unnecessary.

Not quite, it transpires. Just as the architectural draughtsman can give a more vivid, because it is more imaginatively appealing, idea of a building's quality than any photograph or computer mock-up, so the botanical illustrator can arrange, select, highlight in such a way that the result is more helpful — even scientifically — than any photograph.

This seems to be recognised in the show by the choice even of pre-war seed packets, which all have on them drawings or paintings, not merely photographs of plants. Any gardener will realise that seed packet illustrations can flatter outrageously, but the drawn illustration almost always gives a clearer indication of what the plant ideally looks like.

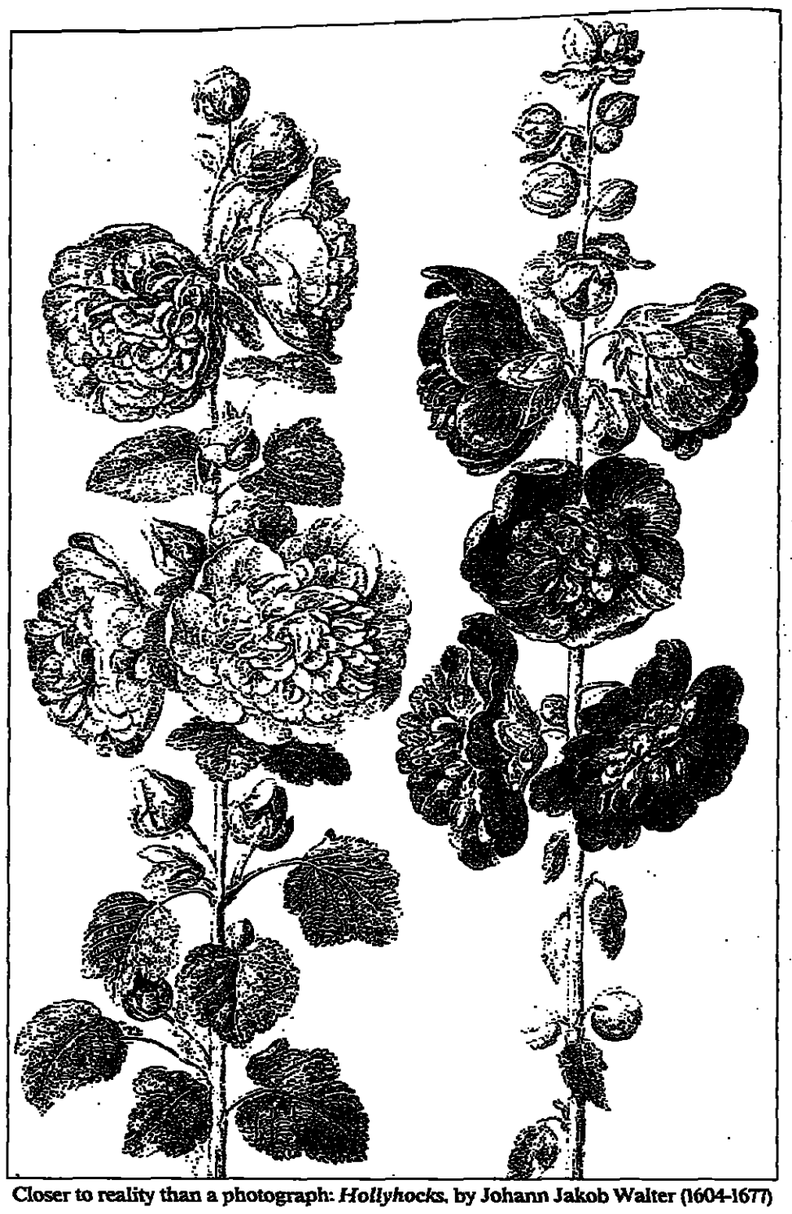
Of course botanical illustration has its own stars, and several of them are well represented here, with originals and books (often hand-coloured) selected entirely from the V&A's archives. There are resplendent examples of the work of Redouté, seen here not just as a painter of roses, and Ehret, who proves to be as expressive recording the humblest plants of the hedgerow as the most elaborate products of the horticulturalist's art.

Despite the many-coloured splendours of the later artists, some of the most telling and memorable images are drawn from the earliest herbals, such as those of Hans Weiditz (1530), or Pier Andrea Mattioli (1598), where the expressivity of black line is the most important factor.

Among the Victorians there are also several examples of "nature prints", in which the plant itself was allowed to leave its own form on photographically sensitised paper, and a large section given over to the recording of new plant discoveries, sometimes from the hand of intrepid plant-hunters themselves.

The story peters out in the first half of the 20th century. This should not give the impression that the art is therefore dead. Any habitué of the gallery at Kew Gardens will know that is not true. But it sometimes seems there is a certain lack of confidence, perhaps concerning the continuing usefulness of botanical illustration in an age of computers. It may be up to artits such as Elizabeth Blackadder who, when they feel like it, paint flowers with perfect precision and infectious delight, to renew the specialists' faith in what they are doing.

● *Picturing Plants is at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441) until September 24. Gill Saunders's book is published by Zwemmer (£12.95)*



Closer to reality than a photograph: *Hollyhocks*, by Johann Jakob Walter (1604-1677)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

Almeida. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

☐ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** The Undead pose and prance again. Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company. **Duke of York's,** St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm

◪ **SIMPATICO** Powerful acting in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage Shepard but insightful and gripping. **Royal Court,** Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Final week

◪ **TWELFTH NIGHT** Ian Judge's delightful production. With Desmond Barrit as Malvolio and Emma Fielding as Viola, both irresistible. **Barbican,** Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm.

☐ **VICTOR AND THE LADIES** Rudolph Walker plays a widower with 18 daughters in Jenny McLeod's sex-farce: a cheerfully preposterous and genially reactionary example of the genre. **Tricycle,** Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece. **Strand,** Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm

☐ **WOMEN OF TROY** Good acting in this Euripides but a concern to emphasise modern relevance saps the power. Jane Birkin and Rosemary Harris lead the women. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm; Thurs, 7.15pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ☐ **In Praise of Love:** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . ◪ **Indian Ink:** Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing:** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ☐ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me.** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express.** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Women in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15) Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway, written and directed by Jeremy Leven. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

ROB ROY (15) Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox. **Odeon Leicester Sq** (01426-915 683)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12) Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia. Director, Steven E. de Souza. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BOYS ON THE SIDE** (15) Unappealing women's picture with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore. Herbert Ross directs. **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15) Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest. **Barbican** ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** ◪ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (0171-435 3366)

EXOTICA (18) Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **FRESH** (18) Brooklyn boy tries to outwit the local drug lords. Energetic ghetto drama from new director Boaz Yakin. **Electric** ◪ (0171-792 2020) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ◪ (0800 868997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

HOOP DREAMS (15) Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city lads and their dreams of playing professional basketball. **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15). Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

LITTLE ODESSA (15): Crime and punishment among Brooklyn's Russian immigrants. Ambitious and atmospheric, with Tim Roth, Maximilian Schell and Vanessa Redgrave. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner; with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm. **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18) Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18) Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis, Uma Thurman and Samuel L. Jackson. **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

CONCERT: A brilliant Japanese band makes its British debut

Modesty to shout about

Japan Shinsei SO / Numajiri
Dome, Brighton

A NEW star rose in the Dome on Monday, without the slightest twinkle of false modesty: that is what Shinsei means; and this young and hitherto little-known orchestra certainly deserves its name. The band was founded in 1969, but started to tour Europe only five years ago. The Brighton Festival scooped its British premiere.

The Dome was scarcely full, but the thin and tentative applause that greeted Toru Takemitsu's *Star Isle* grew throughout the evening. By the time the principal conductor, Ryusuke Numajiri, had pulled a heavy pentatonic, very ethnic and very loud encore out of the bag, there was uproar.

This Tokyo-based orchestra sees its mission as three-fold: to present western classical repertoire; to introduce its conservative home audiences to the music of their Asian neighbours (this apparently includes Siberia and Australasia); and to support the work of contemporary Japanese composers. Akira Miyoshi's eight-minute orchestral haiku, *Dispersion de l'Eté*, is a potent response to war in general, and to one poet's experience in particular. Soh Sakon watched his mother die in an air raid in May 1945. He wrote of the "illusory reality" of his "irradiated sepulchre", an awkward translation of the French that inspired Miyoshi to a graphic orchestral fireball.

The first real glimpse of one of this orchestra's distinguishing features, its silky string ensemble, was seen in the players' sentient accompaniment to Yayoi Toda's accomplished performance of Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto. And it formed the thread which led into night itself in Ravel's *Rhapsodie Espagnole*. Here, the orchestra's delicate, subtly blended woodwind soloists also came into their own, their flights of fancy and figuration wonderfully aerial and, for *Daphnis et Chloé*'s dawn, aptly avian as well.

HILARY FINCH

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Winning numbers all round

Lord Gowrie, Arts Council chairman, explains the reasoning behind the lottery awards announced this morning



Among the lottery beneficiaries announced today will be Raw Music, a music and video project for young unemployed people in the King's Cross area of London

Today the Arts Council of England makes its second announcement of grants from the National Lottery funds. We have awarded £15 million to 49 different projects, large and small, all over the country. With sales exceeding expectations the lottery is likely to raise about £250 million for the arts in its first year. Of this sum, we have granted only £17 million so far. Prudence is a dull virtue, especially in an invigorating arena like the arts, until you think of the alternative. We are funding projects of proven need and high quality regardless of size, with ability to sustain themselves in the longer term. They should also have that magic ingredient known as inspiration. We do not "lose" the money we do not spend. We are determined not to untether herds of white elephants whose support will prove impossible for those who come after us.

No group of people is more aware than the Arts Council of the tension that exists between the need for capital investment and the crisis of current funding. The organisations we fund have good reason to be worried. Crisis management is something organisations rise to. As a daily diet, it saps vitality and creativity. Production costs are high and the recession, which still goes on where discretionary spending is concerned, has hit audiences, sponsorship and morale. Considering the squeeze on its resources, local government has behaved valiantly. Yet another reorganisation, however, does not bode well for this essential source of money. England in particular suffered an inequitable and unnecessary cut (the sums involved are too small to have the slightest macro-economic significance).

The Secretary of State fought hard in the last spending round, and we are genuinely grateful for the partial restitution he achieved. But we still need £7 or £8 million on our baseline to go back, with little possibility of development, to where we were two years ago.

No wonder then, given the disparity between a desperate need for £8 million annually, and the *monthly* appearance in our coffers of £20 million, that the dedicated and underpaid men and women who run arts organisations are wondering whether the lottery really can increase audiences, help artists and promote artistic work of quality. I say to them, "Hang on in there". It is precisely because of each successive squeeze by central and local government that so many arts buildings are unenticing, in disrepair, at risk from health and safety legislation (the much envied English National Opera and Royal Opera houses, to take two huge organisations in the capital alone, are on the verge of trading illegally) and threatened with closure. An age of ever more sophisticated electronic packages of home entertainment demands exciting and affordable venues, which are accessible to all if the living arts are to go on making their huge contribution to the revenues and prestige of this country.

Last month, for example, we rescued a brilliant children's theatre, the Unicorn Theatre in London, from closure. The creation of new audiences is vital. Today we have given grants to another children's theatre, the Quicksilver; to the Nettlefold Festival Trust which will involve over 1,000 children in music on Clapham Common; to Raw Music, a music and video project for young unemployed people; and to the Royal School for the Deaf in Derby for the creation of a signed video library. A large award goes to Scarborough Theatre Trust, home of the dramatic and organisational genius of Alan Ayckbourn. Improvements to the South Westmoreland Stage and Screen Society and the Cambridge Arts Theatre will reduce running costs and increase earned income.

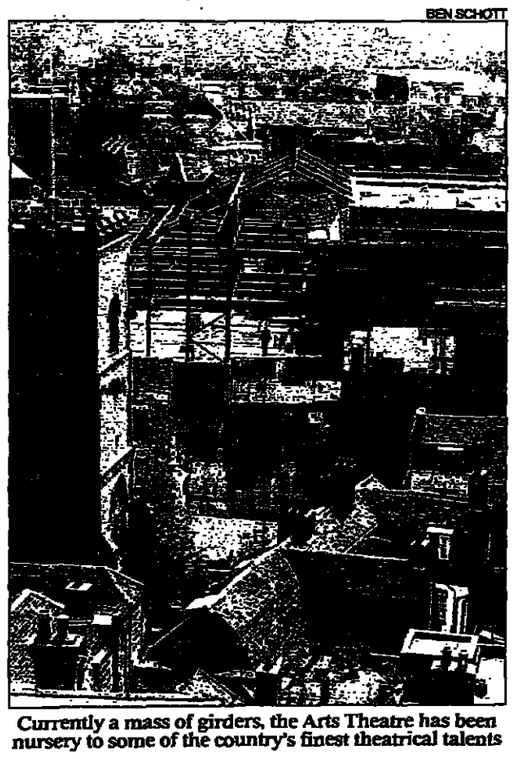
Many of these awards will have a direct impact on the work available to artists. The lottery is a commissioning agent, a patron in the old sense, and we intend to see this aspect of our work grow. As a result of the lottery, Norwich Playhouse has commissioned a new play and the Hayling Island Amateur Dramatic Society a sculpture for their new theatre.

The Government has already shown some flexibility in the capital versus current funding debate. We may well press for more. But we must remember that the distribution distinction was demanded by arts organisations themselves. They believed, rightly, that nothing would sour attitudes to the lottery more quickly than watching it replace, not supplement, our core subsidy. Since I arrived at the Arts Council, I have tried to shift our sensibility away from cultural *gauleiter*, or nanny, and towards that of a responsive organisation which recognises that the arts themselves are in the driving seat and need fuel not directions. Asking for patience is still rather a nanny-like thing to do. But the monies are coming on stream very fast. I have no doubt that the cultural landscape, and economy, of this country will be transformed. We are on our way.

Historic stage rescue

A £6.6 million lottery grant will save Cambridge's Arts Theatre, reports **Daniel Rosenthal**

BEN SCHOTT



Currently a mass of girders, the Arts Theatre has been nursery to some of the country's finest theatrical talents

With the announcement this morning of a £6.6 million National Lottery grant to Cambridge's Arts Theatre Trust — the largest single award in the country — the future has been secured of a celebrated venue that has been closed since April 1993 and is currently a mass of girders, concrete and hard hats. The money has ended two years of anxiety for the theatre's trustees and local playgoers, who have been campaigning to raise £3 million towards an £8 million scheme that will transform the rundown building of fond memory into one of Britain's best-appointed regional theatres.

Demolition work is complete. Contractors will now begin the reconstruction, and the curtain should rise again for the 1996-97 panto season.

Until today, however, the question on the lips of Arts Theatre regulars deprived of a year-round programme which took in Shakespeare, Molière and Wedekind, was not "when will it reopen?" but "will it ever reopen?". By 1990 it became clear that, having always relied on the Endowment Fund established by its founder John Maynard Keynes, rather than public subsidy, the 59-year-old theatre was heading for insolvency. It was a case of redevelop or die.

The trustees had hoped to reopen last autumn. But despite support from patrons Sir John Gielgud and Stephen Hawking, they could not overcome a recession-induced squeeze on donations. Autumn 1994 passed with the appeal target a long way off and little prospect of raising the remaining millions from anywhere except the lottery.

The 1993 closure made 60 theatre staff redundant. Touring companies had to strike Cambridge from their itineraries and, after performing at the Arts for generations, Footlights and the Marlowe Society, Cambridge University's most famous drama groups, have been forced to mount their annual productions in reduced circumstances at the Amateur Dramatic Club or Cambridge Festival theatres. Student actors and directors have thus lost the chance to develop their skills on a stage which has served as a launching pad for dozens of famous thespian knights and dames.

Because an organisation's importance within its community is one of the lottery's bidding criteria, the theatre's position at the heart of Cambridge culture was crucial. Before closure, its box office returns were 13 per cent above the national average for middle-scale theatres and that popularity was reflected in the determination of local residents to ensure the return of mainstream drama.

Lindsey Hall, the theatre's campaign co-ordinator, hails the grant as a triumph for the organisers of coffee mornings, raffles and recitals which helped the appeal reach £2.4 million. "They worked astonishingly hard," she says. "Our bid was dependent on raising £3 million in partnership funding, so we wouldn't have got the lottery money without their support. Some worried their donations were going down a black hole. Now there is tremendous relief."

The auditorium, described by Sir Ian McKellen as "one of the most wonderfully intimate in the world", will be virtually unchanged. But the wings are to be 50 per cent wider, the stage 35 per cent deeper and there will be 30 new dressing rooms; alterations which mean the Arts will no longer have to turn away opera and ballet tours.

The audience will enjoy air-conditioning, better seating, three bars and two restaurants. Extra wheelchair spaces, a "talking" lift and Braille signs are among improvements which were recommended by disabled groups and which will make a huge difference to those who, in Hawking's words, "experienced many inconveniences on the old site".

Kieran Cooper, the Arts' marketing manager, does not need reminding that another £600,000 is needed for the partnership funding agreement, and that a complex building contract must be completed within about 18 months. There is also a sizeable overdraft to be paid off.

But Cooper is looking forward to opening night in what he believes will be a people's theatre. "The grant has come from lottery ticket-buyers," he says. "We want everybody to feel they helped to reopen the Arts. A little bit of the theatre will be theirs."

THEATRE: Key figures in 20th-century music resurrected on stage in Chichester and Islington

In tune with Hitler?

Taking Sides
Minerva, Chichester

WHEN Hitler came to power, Otto Klemperer and Bruno Walter were among the musicians who left Germany: Wilhelm Furtwängler stayed. One of the greatest conductors of his day, some say the greatest, he continued to work in Nazi Germany and on tours abroad, where it was possible to see him as a cultural emissary of Nazism, whether or not he wished so to be seen.

When the war ended the question of what precisely his wishes had been brought him before the denazification courts. Though never a member of the Party, was he a secret sympathiser?

The question being asked in Ronald Harwood's engrossing play is twofold. First, if Furtwängler is innocent, why did he stay? And since he stayed, is he not guilty? Second, what should be the response of an eminent man, in this case an artist of world stature, when his country is taken over by tyrants?

The action takes place in the Berlin office of the American major (Michael Pennington) investigating the conductor's case and determined to find him guilty. Some unconvincing rubble forms the background to Eileen Diss's set, and two desks and a number of chairs occupy the main area. The major sits at one desk; at the other sit his German secretary and American assistant. Furtwängler for the most part sits in the middle.

His portrayal by Daniel Massey is a performance of magisterial conviction. He doesn't exactly look like the man, though white hair flows out from what I take to be a false bald pate, domed and pink and shining. But the face is scored with the lines of severe intelligence; the tight-lipped mouth and fierce stare unquestionably belong to a man who intently thinks and intensely feels.

Harwood has given him speeches in which to declare his conviction of the power and importance of music, and Massey delivers these in a lucid, precise and passionate voice. The voice itself is musical, charged with energy, capable of flamboyance, the instrument of dignity and daring.

None of this cuts any ice with Pennington's Major Arnold, chosen for the job because of his musical ignorance and mockingly referring to Furtwängler as a bandleader. Harwood is not on Arnold's side.

The widow of a Jewish pianist (Suzanne Bertish) warns Arnold that he risks becoming as intolerant as the enemy, and Harwood evidently wishes us to watch out for this. Arnold has seen Belsen, but even this does not provide a persuasive motive for his antagonism. Because of this lack of a credible power base for Arnold, the quality of argument diminishes in the second half. In other respects Harwood has written what used to be called a well-made play, where every character introduces an aspect of the central issue.

The characters in a well-made play can be too carefully contrived, and so they are here. Yet nothing can take away from the fascination of Harwood's hero and the blazing quality of Massey's performance.

Harold Pinter's direction helps to create the sense of danger and the importance of asking what people can best do in such predicaments. But if the play transfers to London I hope it will be to a proscenium stage so that important moments will not be invisible to half the audience.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Jacques flash

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris
King's Head, N1

JACQUES BREL alive? Well, not exactly. He is, at best, semi-animated in Islington. Of course, some songs by this Belgian-born *chansonnier* have been perpetuated worldwide. Equally, the original stage show, *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, kept the flame burning for the singer-songwriter, running off-Broadway when he abandoned Paris for his reclusive last years in Polynesia.

Nevertheless, the present staging is "live" but not vital. The foursome — two men, two women — who present Brel's songs cabaret-style (translations by Blau and Shuman), look a mite seized-up in their black tie and sheath ballgowns.

Our singers execute Jazz Age moves but exude minimal razzmatazz. The dining-room intimacy of the King's Head spells trouble for stage nerves. The audience can see the faintest discomfort, close-up.

Struan Leslie is more to blame: the choreography only comes into its own 23 songs (and counting) into the show. In *Next*, Brel's macabre march, the company shuffle staggeringly forward in a chain, heads slumped. Each falls to the back to begin again, like an endless column of soldiers reduced to the walking dead.

The singers, all vocally dextrous, do warm to their task. Stuart Pendred is the most winningly activated, spinning like a toreador or ridiculously swaggering in *Jackie*. However, too often the dramatisation is hammy. The group harmonise with dizzying acceleration in the fairground rondo, *Carousel*, but *must* they flail their arms like ferris wheels?

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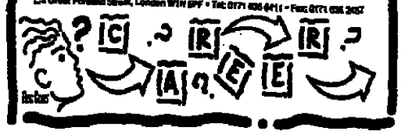
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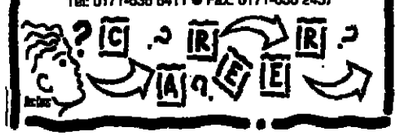
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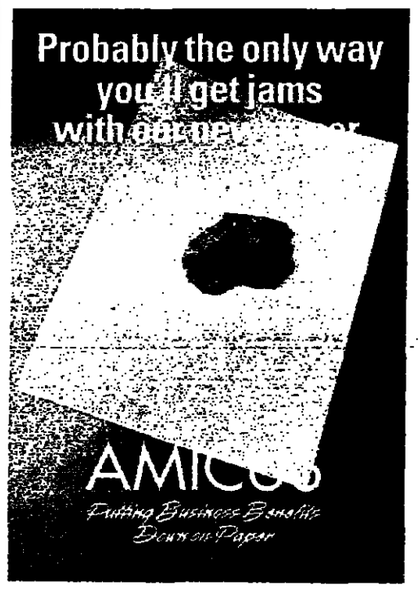
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Court of Appeal

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Floor area not in permission

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Slough Borough Council and Another

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment May 19]

A developer who bought land from a local authority with the benefit of outline planning permission granted on an application specifying the area, but which area was not actually mentioned in the grant of planning permission, was not limited to that area and an increase of floor area by 45 per cent could not be said to be outside the terms of the outline permission.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Slough Borough Council against the dismissal by Mr Justice Schiemann on March 25, 1994 of an application for judicial review by the local authority of the decision of an *inspector* that the proposal in terms of floor area *did not fall* outside the terms of the outline planning permission and that the appeal *should* be heard on its merits with regard to local planning policies.

Mr Brian Ash, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the local authority; Mr Rabinder Singh for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the local authority invited the court to resolve an important, but controversial point of planning practice, namely, the extent to which it was permissible to have regard to the application in order to construe the scope of the planning permission which was granted.

The old petrol station site in Hershal Street, Slough, was vested in the local authority. It was considered ripe for development but the local authority did not want to carry out any development itself and preferred to sell the land with the benefit of planning permission which was granted for a change of use, redevelopment and the erection of new buildings with a proposed additional floor space being 1,055 square metres.

The site was then sold to Mr Oury. He applied for planning permission making reference to the outline permission but stating that the proposed additional floor space to be created was 1,530 square metres. The local authority was not prepared to approve a development which increased the floor area by 45 per cent and Mr Oury appealed.

The secretary of state appointed an inspector who found, as a preliminary issue, that the application was intended to be for approval of details, rather than a fresh application for full planning permission, and there was no challenge to that part of the decision.

It was therefore necessary for him to decide whether the proposal was outside the terms of the original planning permission because of the increased floor area. That did not call for any consideration of the merits of the proposal.

The inspector found that the floor area did not fall outside the terms of the original permission and the appeal should proceed to be determined on its merits.

The local authority moved to quash that decision and sought a declaration that Mr Oury's application was outside the terms of the outline permission. Mr Justice Schiemann had dismissed that application and the local authority now appealed.

In the present case the permission was clear, unambiguous and valid on its face and, apart from the reference number, there was no mention of the application. The general rule was that, in construing a planning permission, regard was to be had only to the permission itself: *Miller-Mead v Minister of Housing and Local Government* ([1963] 2 QB 196).

Mr Ash submitted that their *Lordships* should not follow that case for two reasons:

1 The reasoning appeared to be based on the proposition that the application was not available to be seen, whereas since 1988 it had to be included in the register and was therefore available to be seen by anyone interested.

Their Lordships did not accept that submission. It did not follow that simply because one of the reasons for the rule, even if it was the principal reason for the rule, no longer existed, that the rule itself should be abrogated.

The rule was affirmed by the House of Lords in *Slough Estates Ltd v Slough Borough Council and Others (No 2)* ([1971] AC 958) where there was no hint of reservation or disapproval of the *Miller-Mead* decision.

2 The planning authority lacked jurisdiction to grant permission for substantially more than had been applied for.

However, in their Lordships' judgment, it did not follow that an enlargement of the application site was ipso facto invalid.

Their Lordships agreed with Mr Justice Schiemann that if the validity of the permission was to be challenged on the grounds that it substantially exceeded what was applied for, such challenge had to be made promptly, otherwise the permission was taken to be valid. The time for challenge in the present case had long since passed.

In their Lordships' judgment, the application for the 1,530 square metre development was irrelevant: the real question was whether the permission as granted was invalid, having regard to the application which was limited to 1,055 square metres, it was possible when the detailed application was considered that the size of the development could properly be reduced.

In their Lordships' judgment, the general rule in *Miller-Mead* was well established.

There were recognised exceptions to it: (i) where the planning permission incorporated by reference the application and the accompanying plans; (ii) where the permission was ambiguous on its face; (iii) where the validity of the planning permission was challenged on the ground of want of authority or mistake.

Mr Ash's second main submission was that the mere inclusion of the reference number of the application on the permission was a sufficient incorporation of the application.

Their Lordships did not agree. It was not sufficient to inform a reasonable reader that the application formed part of the permission. The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Mr Steven Quayle, Slough; Treasury Solicitor.

Remuneration of receivers

Alliance & Leicester Building Society and Others v Edgestop Ltd and Others (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 18]

The remuneration of receivers appointed by the High Court was to be assessed either by a master in the Chancery Division or by a taxing officer and the court had power by virtue of Order 30, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as amended in 1992, and Order 62, rules 12 and 13 in the case of assessment by a taxing officer to make an order for taxation on either the standard or the indemnity basis.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Mr A. R. Stanway and Mr C. J. Barlow, receivers of Edgestop Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Morritt in December 1993 ordering the remuneration to be paid to them by the plaintiffs, Alliance & Leicester Building Society and Mercantile Credit Co Ltd, to be assessed by a taxing officer on the standard basis.

Mr William Stubbs, QC, for the receivers; Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr Christopher G. Russell for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the difficulty in the case arose from the amendment to Order 30, rule 3 made by the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Order 1992 (SI 1992 No 638 (L3)).

Before the amendment a receiver's remuneration was to be assessed in chambers by a master of the Chancery Division. The effect of the amendment was to give the court a choice between assessing it in that way and by a taxing officer.

Rule 3(3) then provided that where it was assessed by a taxing officer Order 62, rule 13 would apply "as it applies to an assessment by a master". By rule 13 "where the court orders that costs are to be assessed or settled by a master or registrar, rules 3(4), 12, 14, 17 and 18 shall apply..." Rule 12 provided for the costs to be allowed on the standard and indemnity bases.

For the receivers, it was argued that the judge had no jurisdiction to make the order. That submission was based primarily on Order 62, rules 3(4) and 7(2).

The terms and effect of the material provisions were initially puzzling, in particular, Order 62, rule 7(2) which provided that a receiver's remuneration should not be taxed. But Mr Patten's submissions showed that the puzzle was soluble.

The amended Order 30, rule 3 gave the court a choice between ordering an assessment by a Chancery master and an assessment by a taxing officer, a choice which would be valueless if the second alternative was not to be different in its effect from the first.

That effect was specifically provided for by Order 30, rule 3(3) and Order 62, rule 13. While it might not be altogether straightforward for the taxing officer to apply the rules referred to in in Order 62, rule 13 he was effectively enjoined to do his best.

Rule 7(2) had to yield to the clear and specific provisions introduced by the 1992 amendment. Now that the point had surfaced it might be prudent for some amendment to be made to rule 7(2).

It followed that the judge had jurisdiction to make the order and the argument by Mr Stubbs seeking to interfere with the way in which the judge had exercised his discretion in favour of the standard basis was to be rejected.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Cameron Markby Hewitt; Mackenzie Mills.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Formal caution can be reviewed

Regina v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Ex parte P

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Curtis

[Judgment May 9]

Where a formal caution was administered in clear breach of Home Office guidelines, the Divisional Court could properly exercise its supervisory jurisdiction to review the legality of the caution.

To ensure that the guidelines were scrupulously followed and to provide a valuable record of what had happened, it would be advisable in the case of juveniles as a matter of routine for a tape recording to be made of the actual cautioning procedure.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an application for judicial review by P aged 12, by his mother and next friend, against a decision to caution him on September 5, 1994 at Forest Gate Police Station for theft. The caution was quashed and expunged from the police records.

Mr Richard Clayton for P; Mr James Lewis for the commissioner.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that guidance for cautioning came in Home Office Circular 18/1994 containing "The Cautioning of Offenders" as amended and "National Standards for Cautioning (Revised)," especially paragraph 2 and the accompanying notes setting out the necessary preconditions before caution could be administered.

The starting point for the reviewability of a decision to caution where none of the preconditions was met and in particular no clear and reliable admission of the offence was made, was *R v Chief Constable of Kent, Ex parte L* ([1993] 1 All ER 756, 767J) where Lord Justice Watkins had said: "A refusal to prosecute or even possibly to caution by the police is another matter. In that event the police may be vulnerable to judicial review, but only upon a basis which, the cases show, is rather severely circumscribed."

That decision was applied in *R v DPP, Ex parte C* (*The Times* March 7, 1994) in the context of a challenge to the DPP not to prosecute. One basis of a successful challenge was held to be because the DPP failed to act in accordance with his own settled policy.

In the present case Mr Clayton submitted that the court could properly intervene if a caution was administered in clear breach of the guidelines in the circular.

His Lordship would not say that the court would invariably intervene. It was a matter for the court in the exercise of its discretion. But a clear breach would in his Lordship's judgment bring a case properly into the purview of the Divisional Court's supervisory jurisdiction.

His Lordship rejected the submission on behalf of the commissioner that a decision to caution was only susceptible to judicial review if there was mala fides or a flagrant and deliberate breach of the guidelines, because that put the matter too high.

A breach might be perfectly clear even although unintentional. That was what had occurred in the present case.

On a review of the evidence his Lordship found that there was the clearest failure to comply with the condition that an offender had to admit the offence and a caution would not be appropriate without such clear and reliable admission.

The process was flawed also by the police failure to deal with the further condition for an under 14 year old, namely the necessity to establish whether P knew what he was doing was seriously wrong.

Even if there was, contrary to his Lordship's clear conclusion, evidence establishing an admission of guilt, there was nothing in addition to establish that P did know, even recognising the fact that very little evidence was needed: see *C v DPP* (*The Times* March 17, 1995; [1995] 2 WLR 383, 397).

His Lordship added that Mr Lewis had raised the possibility, as a matter of routine in future, of tape recording the actual cautioning procedure followed in the case of juveniles.

His Lordship realised that such would involve the inspector who administered the caution leaving his room for the interview room where the recording equipment was available.

That was a small price to pay for the following advantages:

1 It would be a salutary means to ensure that a police inspector scrupulously followed the guidelines in the circular, and

2 It would provide a valuable record of what had taken place in the event that anyone thereafter desired to challenge the propriety of a decision taken in the course followed.

There was nothing in the judgment to offer encouragement to those cautioned to challenge the legality of their cautions. One would only rarely expect those who had been cautioned to succeed in showing that a decision was fatally flawed for a clear breach of the guidelines. The present case was such an exception.

Mr Justice Curtis agreed.

Solicitors: Wallace Bogan & Co, Bow; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Claim decided on law at date of appeal

Regina v Social Fund Inspector, Ex parte Ledicott

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment May 5]

The proper construction of section 66(4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 required a social fund inspector when reviewing a refusal by a social fund officer to make an award out of the fund, to decide the claim according to the law as it was at the time of the inspector's decision and not as it was at the time the of officer's determination.

Mr Justice Sedley so stated in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Anne Ledicott for judicial review of the refusal by Mrs Caroline Ricketts, social fund inspector, on April 26, 1994 of a community care grant for, inter alia, heating. Mrs Ledicott had earlier been refused an award, following a number of reviews, by a social fund officer on March 2, 1994.

Section 66 of the 1992 Act provides: "(4) On a review a social fund inspector shall have the following powers — (a) power to confirm the determination made by the social fund officer; (b) power to make any determination which a social fund officer could have made; (c) power to refer the matter to a social fund officer for determination."

Mr Richard Drabble for Mrs Ledicott; Mr Richard Gordon, QC, for the inspector.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the question concerned the law the inspector was required to apply. The inspector took it that she was able to apply the law in force at the time of her decision.

Mr Drabble contended that she was required to apply the law as it stood on March 2, 1994 when the decision was made which she was reviewing.

The Secretary of State for Social Security issued directions under section 140 of the 1992 Act which officers and inspectors were required by law to follow.

Mr Drabble contended that the material direction as it stood on March 2 did not exclude heating from a community care grant. No challenge was offered to the inspector's view that changes which came into effect on April 4 had the effect of excluding heating.

Mr Drabble contended that section 66(4) gave the inspector powers and obligations of the officer whose decision was under review. Although the use of the indefinite article in paragraph (b) "any determination which a social fund officer could could have made" was ambiguous, the phrase "could have made" was not. It related back as a matter of ordinary English to the time when the officer made his last determination.

His Lordship rejected that argument for the following reasons:

1 The use of the indefinite article in paragraph (b) suggested that what was in contemplation was not the particular officer who took the decision under review but a notional officer. It was helpful, but far from determinative, to contrast it with the use of the definite article in paragraph (a) "the determination made by the social fund officer". But by itself it could not controvert Mr Drabble's reading of the paragraph if the reading were otherwise correct.

2 The past conditional tense in (b) "could have made" did not, however, have the precision of meaning with which Mr Drabble wanted to invest it.

It carried with it an unspoken qualification which could grammatically be either "at the time of the determination under review", Mr Drabble's preferred meaning, or "if he had now been making his determination", Mr Gordon's preferred meaning. Although the latter would fit a little better if the statutory phrase were "could make", it was not solecistic.

3 The protean use of language in the statute was such that although the indefinite article could do no more than hint at Mr Gordon's as the intended meaning, the elasticity of the verb was capable of yielding either side's meaning, with the result that the direction was intra vires, even though not uniquely so.

4 The reading did not offend against, and indeed was unaffected by the presumption against retrospectivity. To speak of an existing right was to beg the question of the point of time at which it existed: and to answer the question by reference to pre-existing legal rights was to assume asymmetry which did not necessarily exist between private law rights and the discharge of public duties for the benefit of individuals.

If, as his Lordship held, section 66(4) was sufficiently catholic to admit of directions which called upon the inspector, on review, to have full regard to any relevant changes of circumstances, then the statutory licence for any retrospectivity existed.

Accordingly, with regret, in view of Mrs Ledicott's real needs, the application would fail.

Solicitors: Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington; Freeman Pollard, Chelsea.

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Citizens of convenience stretch limits of national service

When is a Brit not a Brit? Well, it depends how good he is at sport, I suppose. Or — sorry Zola — how fast she can run.

That is one view. There is another entirely, one which states that, unless you were born in this country, brought up in this country, and you have played all your sport in this country, you are not worthy to represent it.

Thus, there are many who feel that Robin Smith's failure to get back into the England cricket team has everything to do with his South African birth. After all, he came to England not because he was English at heart, but because he was a Test-class batsman looking for a Test team. Pakistan would have done, but England was easier.

Ditto Graeme Hick. Some feel that, for that reason, Hick will be the next to go under the present regime: because he is not, in the phrase that rings down the years, an Englishman through and through.

According to one theory, Australian cricketers are better than our lot, because they are Australian through and through; and, for that reason, they do actually play *for* their country. Rather than for themselves, their careers, their futures.

Now, another row has broken out because a Canadian named Greg Rusedski has become British for the excellent reason that he is good at tennis and his girlfriend lives in Purley. Hanging about in Purley inadvertently gave him the residential qualification to become a British Davis Cup player. At once, Chris Wilkinson, one of our home-grown world-beaters, is hollering his protests. "A cruel disregard for players like myself ... a large chunk of ambition and income taken away by mercenaries from overseas," he said.

Meanwhile, the England rugby team drops Kyran Bracken: the Irish scrum half and replaces him with someone called Dewi Morris, who is, obviously enough, a Welshman. Nobody seems to have whinged about that, still less about Mike Catt, the South African who plays full back for England.

Yet to be English, or British, through and through — what does it mean? It means, for a start, that failure, even comparative failure, is unforgivable. Ask John Barnes, the Liverpool footballer, booed every time that he plays for England. Barnes is Jamaican by birth and accent and, of course, just a little bit on the black side. So some people believe that he is less than fully committed to the England cause.

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

You might say the same about Devon Malcolm, England's leading strike bowler. There are a number of South Africa batsmen who would disagree. He destroyed their entire side one afternoon with the greatest *English* fast bowling for a decade and more.

The confusion about nationalities is not just English, or British. Mary Pierce, of the United States, woke up one morning and found that she was French. Members of the great Western Samoa team of the last Rugby World Cup became New Zealanders. There is a Tongan in the present New Zealand team.

Then, of course, there is Lennox Lewis, the boxer, who is Canadian, Jamaican and British all at the same time. He is a citizen of the world, but he does not have a home crowd anywhere.

There are two types of mixed-nationality athletes. Type one is the Hick-Smith-Pierce kind — that shifts nationalities to get a better deal. Type two is different. The Barnes-Malcolm conundrum is simply a product of the modern age. Such anomalies will become more, not less, frequent.

The jumbo jet has changed the shape of the world. Nationality is more fluid than it ever has been. It seems that every race in the world is in a state of continuous diaspora. Mixed marriages, mixed races, mixed nationalities: thus the world changes before our eyes.

Yet sport demands this illusion of fixed boundaries and immutable nationalities. At the Olympic Games, an event invented in brotherhood-of-man idealism, competitors wear national vests and receive their medals to the sound of a national anthem.

Nationalism — jingoism — xenophobia — puts bums on seats and in front of television sets. Sport simplifies loyalties. Ask those people who turned the England-Ireland football match into a riot in the name of patriotism.

Perhaps the point is that nationality is less and less an inextricable part of what a person actually is. International sport feeds on simple national loyalties, but, in a changing and ever-more-fluid world, it is harder and harder to keep up the pretence.

Forceful argument put to England

Old ties loosened by Argentina's forward thinking

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN DURBAN

ENGLISH sporting relationships with Argentina, regardless of the conflict of a decade ago, have always been close. Indeed, for a Latin country, it is delightful, and somehow touching, to find in parts of Buenos Aires the habits and mannerisms of an England which departed 60 years ago. The warmth and welcome that visitors receive can be overwhelming.

All that will be set aside on Saturday when England and Argentina play their first pool match of the 1995 rugby union World Cup. While the England players, who have worked particularly hard since they arrived here last Thursday, enjoyed yesterday at leisure in the sunshine and Will Carling, the captain, nursed a tender ankle, the Argentinians continued making preparations to upset the pool favourites.

It will be the sixth international between the countries, but the first since that November day at Twickenham five years ago when Rory Underwood scored three of England's seven tries, Simon Hodgkinson converted everything in sight and Argentina rang down the curtain on an ageing Hugo Porta's career with a 51-0 defeat.

Although five players remain from that England team, and four from Argentina's, the match has little relevance to what will happen at King's Park on Saturday, hence the intensive study that England have made of Argentina's tactics this year, under their new coaching panel of Alejandro Petra and Ricardo Paganini.

Both are former scrum halves who played their rugby outside Buenos Aires — Paganini, despite his name, is a leading surgeon — and the Rugby Football Union sent Les Cusworth to the Pan-American championships in March to scrutinise their approach.

Cusworth, the coach of the England backs, was promptly pressed into service to give a couple of clinics in Buenos Aires, but he also watched the internationals against Canada and Uruguay.

In the former, the Canada scrum was dismantled by a powerful unit which will test England's technique to the limit, but they lack genuine lineout height. If Pedro Sporleder and German Llanes, both around 6ft 6in, cannot contest England's ball, however, they will certainly try to disrupt it. "Their forwards drive very close and try to establish running mauls, as they did with some success when they played Australia recently," Cusworth said.



Cusworth was impressed by the Argentinian pack

"Their backs are typically Latin, great touch, very soft hands, the weight of pass is wonderful.

"They have four or five beautiful kickers, all so easy on the ball and one of them is Ezequiel Jurado, who will be playing full back against us. They play a long-ball game very effectively, caressing the ball into the corners, but, where they are very forceful up front, they are not the same behind.

"The modern-day game has power everywhere, but the Argentinian game seems like that of England 20 years ago. They don't have the integration that modern sides are looking for, and the backs tend to run a bit laterally. They seem uncertain whether they should play flat, as England have tried to do recently, or deep."

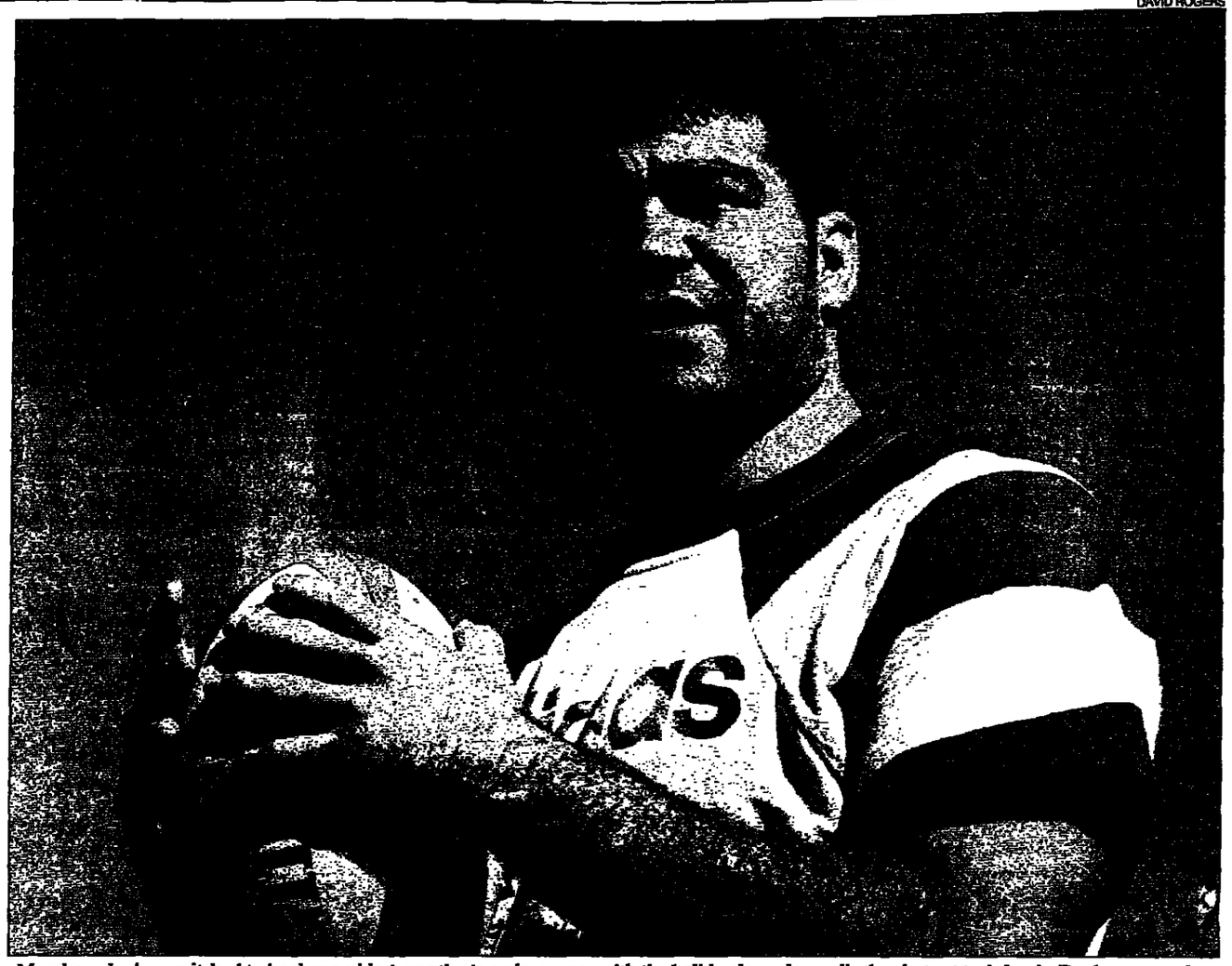
Cusworth draws a parallel with French back play and points to the regular exchange of coaches between the countries. His belief is that, if Argentina win primary possession and establish a simple pattern, then they have the potential to embarrass most teams. "They possess some good grafting forwards and, when I visited places like San Martin and the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires, you can tell that they have rugby in their blood."

Much of Argentina's play revolves around Federico Mendez, whose career did not receive the best of starts when he was sent off at Twickenham in 1990 for knocking out Paul Ackford, the England lock. Mendez was then an 18-year-old prop; now, still only 22 and a regular correspondent with Ackford, he plays hooker and is the main runner with the ball in the close exchanges, much in the mould of Sean Fitzpatrick, of New Zealand.

In training this week, much of Argentina's work has been devoted to back-row moves, of which they tried few against Australia, and it will come as a surprise if they play the ball wide. Should they do so, they have a talented runner in Lisandro Arbizu at stand-off half and the most experienced player in the side in Diego Cuesta Silva on the wing. Cuesta Silva, 32, has played 47 games for Argentina, including both the previous World Cups.

Neither tournament brought Argentina much joy. Their sole success, in six games, came against Italy in 1987. As it happens, they play each other again in East London on June 4 in the final round of pool matches. "Italy are here with three Argentinian players in their squad," Petra, the coach, said drily, "but we are more worried about playing good rugby and qualifying for the quarter-finals. There will be no problems."

DAVID ROGERS



Mendez, who has switched to hooker and is Argentina's main runner with the ball in close play, calls the shots at training in Durban yesterday

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Final
Ajax v AC Milan (in Vienna, 7.30)

Kirin Cup
Scotland v Ecuador (in Toyama, 11.0)

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Victoria v England A (at Melbourne, 10.30)

TENNIS

Women's world doubles tournament (Edinburgh).

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy one-day international
10.45, 55 overs
TRENT BRIDGE: England v West Indies
Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four, 110 overs minimum
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Glamorgan

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30 unless stated): Long Eaton v Hull; Poole v Swindon.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North — Game all — IMP's

	♠AQ4 ♥K10753 ♦63 ♣A108	
♠KJ8632 ♥A82 ♦- ♣9652		♠975 ♥Q94 ♦KJ10754 ♣K
	♠10 ♥J6 ♦AQ982 ♣QJ743	

W	N	E	S
King	Marchessini	Rosen	Sheehan
-	INT	Pass	2♦
2♠	3NT	Dble	4♣
Dble	All pass		

Contract: Four Clubs doubled, by South. Lead: six of spades

In the EBU spring foursomes at the begining of May, the team that I was playing for lost the first of its two "lives" to the the Tredinnick twins, Rosen and King, the eventual winners. I had opportunities on four separate hands to win the match for my team. This was the last of them, on the last board of the match.

In the Marchessini system, Two Diamonds is constructive though not forcing. North's bid of 3NT over Two Spades was a dubious action — as well as a double spade stopper, he should have had a diamond fit. My retreat to Four Clubs over 3NT Doubled was worse.

At the time, I judged (erroneously, as it turned out) that the main thing was to avoid a disaster. So it seemed prudent, with East's double announcing a bad break in diamonds, to retreat to Four Clubs. When I look at it again, that is too pessimistic — my hand has an alternative source of tricks and, in any event, is not likely to go a lot off in 3NT.

In Four Clubs, I put up the ace of spades and subsequently contrived to lose five tricks: the king of clubs, two diamond ruffs and two heart tricks, to lose 500 points. As my partner might have made 3NT doubled, it did not make for an enjoyable scoring-up meeting with our partners. Making either Four Clubs Doubled, or 3NT Doubled, would have won the match for our team.

☐ The Generali European team championships will be played in Vilamoura, Portugal from June 17 to July 1. There is an open and a women's series. *The Times* will be publishing the results every day.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Korchnoi wins

Viktor Korchnoi, 64, wrapped up the Madrid tournament to win first prize ahead of a field of international players. Korchnoi was old enough to be the father of seven of his rivals and the grandfather of the other two. His triumph was tempered in the last round when he lost to Judith Polgar, 18, but this did not affect his overall standing.

FINAL SCORES: Korchnoi 6½; Salov 6; Yusupov 5; San Segundo, Epishin, Polgar 4½; Illescas 4; Short, Belavsky 3½; Timman 3.

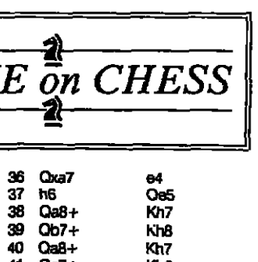
White: Judith Polgar
Black: Viktor Korchnoi
Madrid, May 1995

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Bf5
5	Ng3	Bg6
6	h4	h6
7	h5	Bh7
8	Nf3	e6
9	Bd3	Bxd3
10	Qxd3	Nd7
11	Bf4	Qa5+
12	Bd2	Qc7
13	0-0-0	Ngf6
14	Ne4	Bd6
15	Kb1	Nxe4
16	Qxe4	Nf6
17	Qe2	b5
18	Ne5	Bxe5
19	dxe5	Nd5
20	Rh4	0-0
21	g4	Qe7
22	g5	hxg5
23	Rg4	f6
24	exf6	gxf6
25	f4	e5
26	fxe5	Kh8
27	Re1	Rae8
28	Qd1	Qd7
29	Rgg1	Rxe5
30	Rxe5	fxe5
31	Bxg5	Qf5
32	Bc1	Qe6
33	Qe1	Rg8
34	Rxg8+	Kxg8
35	Qg1+	Kh8
36	Qxa7	e4
37	h6	Qe5
38	Qa8+	Kh7
39	Qb7+	Kh8
40	Qa8+	Kh7
41	Qa7+	Kh8
42	Qc5	Kh7
43	Be3	Qf6
44	Qe7+	Kg6
45	Bc1	Qe5
46	Qg1+	Kh7
47	Qg5	Qxg5
48	Bxg5	c5
49	Kc1	c4
50	a3	Kg6
51	Kd2	Kh7
52	b3	cxb3
53	cxb3	Kg6
54	Be3	Black resigns

Problem championship

This is the starter problem for the 1995 British Chess Problem Society solving championship. It is White's move and he can force mate in two moves against any Black defence. Your solution should include White's first move only and should be sent, by June 30, to: Brian Stephenson, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield, S19 6ND. Entries should be accompanied by a cheque for £2 payable to British Chess Problem Society and a stamped addressed envelope for receipt of the subsequent postal round. When sending your answer, please mention that you have entered through *The Times*.



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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Registered number: 1796747. Nature of business: Dealers in radio & electronic components. Trade classification: 21. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 May 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc Malcolm Cohen and Raymond Hocking Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos: 6625/01 and 2322/01) Address: BDO Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

SPORTS AID ENTERPRISES LIMITED (In Members Voluntary Liquidation)

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, E J Wacey of Bucher Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 16 May 1995 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members. Notice is hereby given that all creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30 June 1995 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E J Wacey of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution. Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full. Dated: 16 May 1995. E J Wacey Liquidator.

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Registered Number: 1664872 Nature of Business: Wholesale & Retail of Leather Goods. Trade Classification: 4329 Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 12 May 1995. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Charterhouse Ltd Name of person appointed: Ian Frances Conduit House 24 Conduit Place LONDON W2 1EP Office Holder No. 577. Administrative Receiver Ian Frances.

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DUTCZAK, IWAN DUTCZAK otherwise JOHN DUTCZAK late of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire died there on 22nd April 1994
(Estate about £17,000)
FORD formerly STEPHENSON nee GALLOWAY, MARY ELIZABETH FORD formerly STEPHENSON nee GALLOWAY Widow late of Acton, London W3 died there on 12 May 1993
(Estate about £9,000)
LITTLE KENNETH GEORGE LITTLE late of Melcombe Bingham died there on 24 October 1991
(Estate about £10,000)
MASSEY, JACK MASSEY late of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire died there on 28 February 1994
(Estate about £5,500)
MILLS, GRACE MILLS Spinster late of Lissington, Lincolnshire died there on 20 June 1994
(Estate about £23,000)
MOSS, ROBERTO MOSS late of Hackney, London E.9 died there on 7 June 1993
(Estate about £18,000)
NORRIS, HERBERT GEORGE NORRIS late of Highbury, London N.5. died at Camden, London NW3 on 9 January 1992
(Estate about £10,000)
REEVE nee MILLWARD, JOAN REEVE nee MILLWARD Single Woman late of Lichfield, Staffordshire died there on 22 October 1994
(Estate about £25,000)
WARREN, KENNETH JAMES ERNEST WARREN otherwise KENNETH JAMES WARREN late of West Ewell, Surrey died at Epsom, Surrey on 19 January 1995
(Estate about £100,000)
WIGHTMAN, THOMAS WIGHTMAN late of Edgware, Middlesex died there on 28 December 1994
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HENDIADYS
a. Free-range eggs
b. Rhetorical exaggeration
c. A tandem phrase

HYSTERON PROTERON
a. An echoic metre
b. Cart before horse
c. Sarcastic understatement

LITOTES
a. Understatement
b. A type of paradox
c. Verbosity

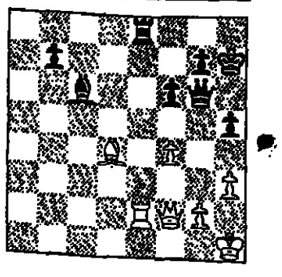
SYLLEPSIS
a. A grammatical pun
b. Part for the whole
c. A rhetorical parenthesis

Answers: page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kotov — Botvinnik, Leningrad, 1939. Although Black is a pawn ahead, the opposite coloured bishops seem to indicate that a long struggle is ahead. Black's next move, however, terminated the game. What was it?



Solution: page 42

Solid Scots decide to hold Cronin in reserve

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN PRETORIA

ALTHOUGH the Ivory Coast are widely regarded as the makeweights of the 1995 World Cup, Scotland, though holding back some of their big guns, have rightly taken no chances for their opening game, in Rustenburg on Friday. While a soft option might have been to give more second string players a match, and in so doing give Cameron Glasgow his first cap, Duncan Paterson, the team manager, has shown that there is no room for sentiment at this level.

Knowing the propensity of Scotland teams in various sporting arenas to slip up when least expected — against Iran and Costa Rica, in football World Cups, are just two examples — the side chosen has a solid, experienced look about it. As Paterson said yesterday: "We felt, for the game coming up, that this is strongest side."

Although he did not say it, he might have added: "Horses for courses". The attacking quality of the back division, one in which Craig Chalmers becomes Scotland's most capped stand-off on his 43rd appearance, was in evidence against Romania and Spain, when they had a field day.

Ivory Coast should provide equally rick pickings. Indeed, the threequarters, established as the first choice, are more than likely, injuries permitting, to play in each of the pool games. If that is the case, then a few egos will have to be massaged, among them that of Scott Hastings, who found it hard yesterday to hide his disappointment at his omission.

Graham Shiel and Tony Stanger have won the argument at centre, if only for their attacking qualities. That means that Hastings and Ian Jardine, a regular until being injured against France, as well as Glasgow and Derrick Patterson, may be involved in World Cup proceedings only from beyond the touchline.

Up front, though, the pack does have a makeshift look about it. The fact, though, that the front and back rows have never played together in an international, matters not. The players chosen should have more than enough know-how against a side whose challenge will be physical, but otherwise limited.

Key players such as Damian Cronin, still with only 26 minutes meaningful rugby in four months, and Eric Peters, as well as David Hilton, who is not completely fit, are being kept back for the bigger challenges ahead.

So Paul Burnell plays at loose-head prop for only the second time in his international career, the last occasion being against Zimbabwe in the 1991 World Cup, and Rob Wainwright plays unusually at No 8 — despite suffering a freak injury which required five stitches. The West Hartlepool flanker, who is expected to revert to the No 6 shirt for the rest of the tournament, was taken to hospital after opening a gash on his eyebrow by falling on the ball during loose-play practice.

Paterson's initial selection strategy has already caused some head-scratching. The natural assumption had been that the strongest side would play throughout, building up to "*le crunch*", against France. However, in a one-off context, the team chosen makes sense.

With more difficult games ahead, against Tonga, as well as France, within eight days, the temptation to risk the heavy artillery, such as Cronin — if only to improve his match fitness — was considered too great. That is because, without Cronin, there is a worryingly hole in the Scottish front five which is mobile but not huge.

However, in a wider context it is through their effervescent back row, in the shape of Morrison, Wainwright and Peters, that Scotland will pose most threat in the days ahead. Hence the reluctance to expose all three at once. Meanwhile, Chalmers's record-breaking appearance confirms his rehabilitation as one of best stand-offs in the game.

This season, he has demonstrated that he is back to his sublime best.

SCOTLAND

G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C Joiner (Melrose), A Stanger (Hawick), G Shiel (Melrose), K Logan (Stirling County); C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose); P Burnell (London Scottish), K McKenzie (Stirling County), P Wright (Boroughmuir), P Walton (Northampton), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), G Weir (Melrose), I Smith (Gloucester), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool) Replacements: S Hastings (Watsonians), I Jardine (Stirling County), D Patterson (West Hartlepool), D Cronin (Bourges), J Manson (Dundee HSFP), K Milne (Heriots)

Revitalised Wales play down passion

FROM GERALD DAVIES IN BLOEMFONTEIN

BLOEMFONTEIN is the capital city of the Orange Free State. Set in the Central Highland of South Africa, it is the sixth largest city in the republic. The city's name derives, it is said, from the profusion of flowers that once bloomed around the fountain of a nearby farm, and which belonged to an influential *Voortrekker*. It is nowadays promulgated in publicity leaflets as the *City of Roses*.

Such brochures further assert that it is "where a rosy future awaits you". In which case, the Wales rugby team, which has been ensconced in the city for the past week, must hope that the city lives up to its word. Having survived a period which has been less than Utopian, their journey in the World Cup, in which they play Japan here on Saturday before moving on to Johannesburg to meet New Zealand and Ireland, must be seen as an opportunity to forget the traumas of the recent past and to promote a vision of better prospects.

For the moment, the introspective mood, that had gripped them of late, has lifted. There is a new buoyancy abroad. There is a jauntiness to their humour as well as to their step. The training, which began in earnest within an hour of arriving and has continued with unceasing physical intensity since, has been purposeful and direct.

With typical candour and forthrightness, Alex Evans, their Australian coach, has insisted that they eschew the idea of their matches being won on passion and emotion. Success will come if they prove themselves good rugby players. He announced, after their last exhaustive session: "I've got to say this. You've got to use your brains. Do the right thing at the right moment."

From now on, their sessions will not be any gentler, but, Evans promised, with the opening match getting closer, that they will be shorter and sharper, just like so many of Evans's commands and directives. Time is not wasted; nor are words. If he is brutally frank one moment, he can then take a player aside for a quiet word the next. Persuasion and bluntness co-exist quite happily. The players have responded to the new regime. They give the appearance of being a revitalised squad.

On Sunday, they had a closed session when they played a controlled 45-minute period against a full Free State team prepared by Nelie Smith, a former Springbok player and coach. Yesterday, the forwards had a scrummaging session against the same squad. These went entirely satisfactorily, impressively say some, apart from the withdrawal of Stuart Davies and John Davies, who retired because of neck pains. They are not expected to be discounted from selection of the team, which will be announced at lunchtime today.

This afternoon, the squad will visit a local township school where they will take youngsters in a series of rugby clinics. This is laudable. These days, a new future awaits these youngsters. Does a brighter future in rugby terms also await Wales?

Lomu waits to spread his wings

John Hopkins on the New Zealand prodigy whose career can take off in the World Cup

DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT



Lomu combines a forward's strength with a back's speed to devastating effect

Remember the distinctive name of Jonah Lomu, the Tongan who will play for New Zealand against Ireland on Saturday, and remember the day you first heard it, because Lomu could become the sensation of the rugby union World Cup. Lomu's is among the shortest names, but he is likely to make the biggest impact. He has the build of a forward and the speed of a back. He is the heaviest man in his team, yet he plays on the wing.

Lomu is the latest dynamic runner to have emerged from the islands that dot the Pacific and provide such a rich breeding ground for athletic, strong and characterful players. Where would rugby be, the 15-man game as well as the seven-a-side version, if it were not for contributions from players from Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa and the like? The most recent was Va'aiga Tuigamala, the stocky, immensely powerful and practically unstoppable Tongan turned All Black who has made such dents in Wigan's opponents since turning to rugby league after the last World Cup.

Remember Tuigamala? Well, forget him. "Lomu is bigger, faster and stronger than Tuigamala," Eric Rush, the Maori who is playing for New Zealand in South Africa, said. "Of course, he is also younger." Lomu was 20 earlier this month.

> 'A man of his size and pace can be almost unstoppable'

The first sight that anyone from the British Isles had of Lomu was in Dunedin in 1993, when he appeared for New Zealand Schools against the touring England Schools team. Eighty minutes later, the England players and management were shocked at what they had seen. Lomu scored two tries, and the margin of New Zealand's victory was a record 52-5.

More recently, Mike Teague, the former England back-row forward, sent out some more warning signals. "See him once and you realise you'd never want to run into him," Teague, who has run into a few big men in his time, said. Lomu is 6ft 5in and weighs 19 stone, heavier than Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand hooker and captain, Ian Jones and Robin Brooke, two of the locks, and Zinzan Brooke, the No 8.

To date, Lomu has made his name as a sevens expert of terrifying efficiency. In the wide, open spaces of sevens, a man of his size and pace can be almost unstoppable, and in the New Zealand teams in the 1994 and 1995 Hong Kong Sevens competitions, Lomu was just that. "He is about the most devastating runner I have ever seen when there are 14 men on a pitch." Les Cusworth, the manager of the England team in those competitions, said. "In sevens, you look for power and pace, and Lomu has got both those and more."

Cusworth warned, however, that such skills do not necessarily translate to performances of similar quality in the 15-a-side game. Sure enough, when Lomu played left wing for New Zealand in the two-match series against France last summer, his defence was considered to be naive, and, after these games, consideration was given to moving him to flanker. Lomu did not play when New Zealand beat Canada 73-7 last month.

When one sees Martin Bayfield or Derwyn Jones, the second-row forwards, it is immediately obvious that they are exceptionally tall men. At first glance, the bull-like neck and enormous shoulders of Jason Leonard, the England prop, suggest a man of strength and weight. Lomu carries his weight and size, and probably his learning, lightly. He does not look to be either as tall or as heavy as he is. "He looks gauche," an insider in the New Zealand camp said. "He does not have an air of superiority. He looks what he is, a rather quiet, shy, God-loving young man who neither drinks nor smokes."

The quietness and shyness may disappear in the next few weeks as he comes to terms with his celebrity status. Whisper it not among rugby union officials, but it is rumoured that Lomu has been offered £1 million to play rugby league, by both the Brisbane Broncos and Wigan. American football officials are reported to be hovering around him, too.

If union stands united it need not be divided



David Miller says an intelligent approach to professionalism can ensure the superior code's future

Who owns rugby union? The third World Cup, which begins with the thunderclap between Australia, the holders, and the South African hosts tomorrow, will accelerate the demand for an answer. Unless one is found, and imposed, the scene will soon become as wild as the gold-rush to the American West a century ago.

The international control and the structural future of one of the finest games is on the line, threatened by its own galloping success.

Contrary to much exaggerated talk on the amateur-professional controversy, the game is not about players more than administrators. The game is fundamentally about the quality and character of the game itself. It is the long-term health of rugby union, not the players, that is at risk if both sides do not unite to protect it.

Tony O'Reilly, an Irish member of the British Isles team of 1955, has rightly said: "The game is going to lose much of its unique ethos and integrity." Yet that need not be so if the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), the game's governing body, can find more wisdom than has been exhibited by tennis, football, cricket and athletics when confronted with alleged professional ultimatums.

Players such as Carling, Guscott, Campese, Lynagh and others, whatever their lofty status and peripheral earning capacity, are nothing without the fabric and projection of the traditional international fixtures which they grace.

Twenty years or so on from the commercial waterfall introduced by television, all the traditional events that, for a century, have been the foundation stones of sport are under fire — the "majors" in tennis and golf, the Olympic Games. The World Cup in football has been diminished, in performance, by the demands of clubs and by general corruption of the laws, the latter a potential threat to rugby union. The game must stand firm.

That does not mean resisting professionalism, but embracing it intelligently when the IRFB meets in Paris in August. In England, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) brought ridicule upon itself by over-reacting to Carling's vulgar, but basically accurate, criticism. The IRFB has to ensure that it, too, does not qualify for the O. F. Club.

With Rupert Murdoch's television tentacles now grasping at rugby league, the union game has not a moment to lose in closing ranks. As Carling observes: "It's arrogant to think that the Murdoch-rugby league alliance is not a threat, that we will not lose our best players." Yet if rugby union acts fast and intelligently, it can show Murdoch that he has, in fact, picked the wrong game. The World Cup that we are about to witness is a veritable menagerie of sporting tigers, never mind that it is run by OAPs.

With its audience of billions as the world's third largest sporting event, a projected £30 million profit plus a base to its playing pyramid around the world that is vastly larger than that of rugby league, union is unquestionably the superior code visually as well as numerically. It will halt the tide of defection to professional league if its own professionalism is rationalised in August.

The unions of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have just formed a company to conduct joint commercial negotiations and to determine a format for competition at provincial and national level. The northern hemisphere's leading countries had better likewise coordinate, and do so quickly.

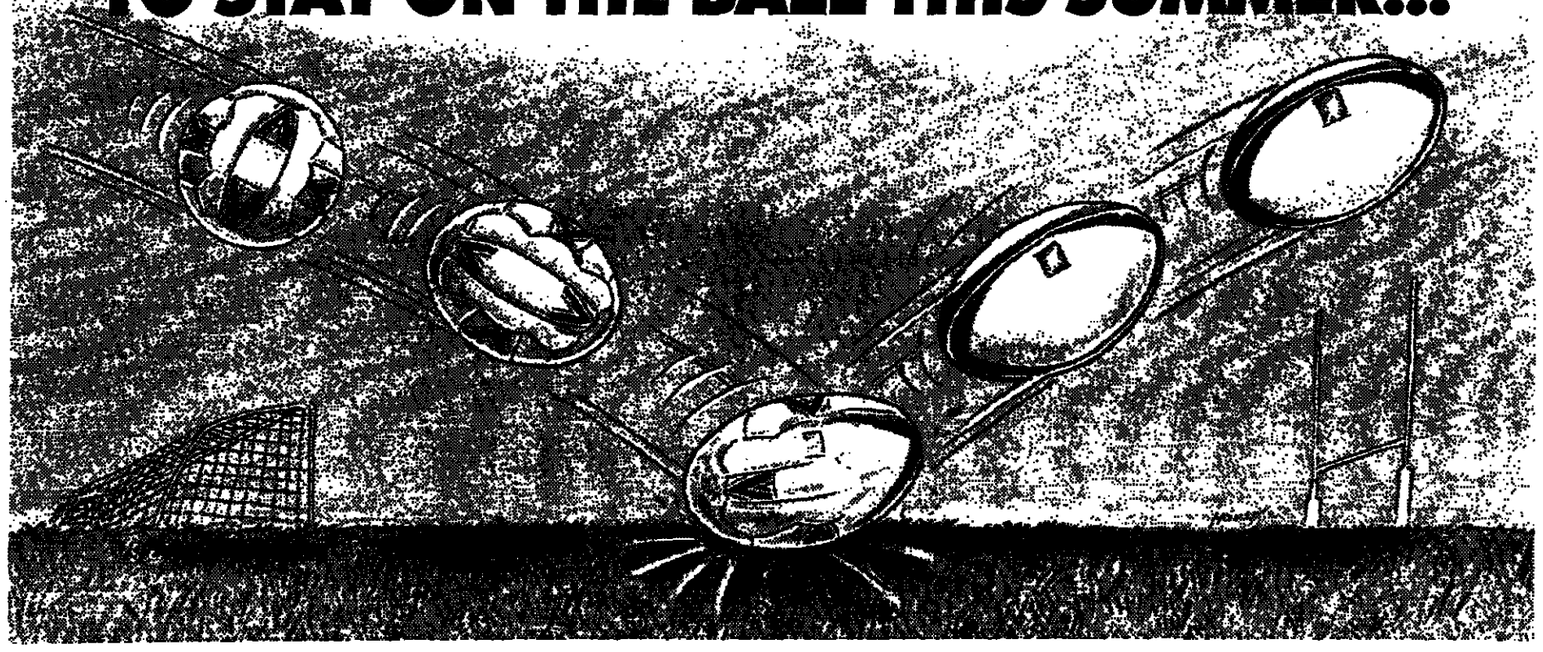
"We do not favour open professionalism," Edward Griffiths, the chief executive of the South African Rugby Football Union said yesterday. "We believe players should have another job: but, last year, the Springboks spent 22 weeks engaged in rugby, for which they were allowed the maximum £45 per day remuneration. That is totally unreasonable. We have to find a way forward while recognising the traditions and special nature of rugby union."

If it is united, by the spirit of the World Cup and then by the meeting in August, rugby union can comfortably fend off the televised league challenge, though the problem extends far beyond Murdoch's new involvement. How long can it be before union clubs in England are taken over by commercial operators who then pick off the best international players from Wales, Scotland and Ireland, thus jeopardising the international performance of those countries, as in football?

Vernon Pugh, a QC and the president of the Welsh Rugby Union, who was chairman of the IRFB last year, may have some of the right answers from his investigation, which is to be presented in August, but these are unlikely to go far enough. To meet commercial operators of Murdoch's calibre, sport needs full-time administrators, not the O. F. Club.

Professional attitudes and circumstances have left the amateurs behind. Bill Bishop, the former Cornwall hooker and president-in-waiting on the RFU, has admitted a serious lack of communication with England players. He says that he will be in South Africa "for much of the tournament".

At such a significant sporting event, how can England's chief administrator not be in full-time attendance? You cannot help but feel that the likes of Murdoch deal with the Bishops of this world as the lion does the antelope.



Milan threatened by Dutch mastery in European Cup final

Ajax groomed for new dynasty

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

IF EVER one man personified an occasion, it is Franklin Edmundo Rijkaard and the European Cup final in Vienna tonight. Rijkaard has chosen this as his last game. He is 32, and on the verge of being an old man among the youth of Ajax, the club whose policy of schooling youngsters from the Amsterdam streets, particularly those of Surinamese origin, has carried them unbeaten in any competition, in Holland or Europe, for the past 12 months.

Rijkaard, indeed, is a man of both camps tonight, for he was plucked from the ranks of the Ajax schooling system and bought by AC Milan, one of the three great Dutch players who became the kernel of the Italian team. The moment that Ajax obliterated Bayern Munich 5-2 in the semi-final, a grooming club like Ajax there is Milan, who have spent more than any club in history to try to buy trophies.

Milan, of course, have been pretty successful. This is their fifth European Cup final in seven years. Rijkaard had taken part in three of them before, in 1993, he insisted that he was sated with Italian lire, that his competitive instinct was not strong enough to withstand more years in the Italian goldfish bowl, that he was going home, if Ajax would have him. The question mark was ludicrous. Louis van Gaal, the Ajax coach, was looking for a second father-figure on the field alongside Danny Blind.

Somehow, the message is abroad that Ajax are seeking to avenge the 4-1 mauling the club took in the 1969 final against Milan. Can the unborn seek revenge? Blind and Rijkaard are the only players Ajax will field who were born when that affair happened. Besides, that was a white Dutch era. The team built around Johan Cruyff came back to win three successive European titles, so he who talks of vengeance is speaking from a memory lost on the kids.

They, such talents as Clarence Seedorf, Patrick Kluivert and Edgar Davids, are the beneficiaries of stability that allowed van Gaal to rise from youth to senior coach. He was thus able to set a permanent style — 3-4-3 — so that, when the boys are asked to be men, the system is automatic. Just as automatic is the fact that every child trains every day with his own football. He is taught to keep his head up, to master that ball before anything else, and to produce school grades commensurate with their ability, or else there is no place on the team for them.

PATHS TO FINAL

AJAX: Champions league: v AC Milan, won 2-0 (h) and won 2-0 (a); v AEK Athens, won 2-1 (a) and won 2-0 (h); v Casino Salzburg, drew 0-0 (a) and drew 1-1 (h). Quarter-finals: v Hajduk Split, drew 0-0 (a) and won 3-0 (h). Semi-finals: v Bayern Munich, drew 0-0 (a) and won 5-2 (h).
Top scorer: J Litmanen, 6 goals.

AC MILAN: Champions league: v Ajax, lost 0-2 (a) and lost 0-2 (neutral); v Casino Salzburg, won 3-0 (a) and won 1-0 (n)*; v AEK Athens, drew 0-0 (a) and won 2-1 (neutral). Quarter-finals: v Benfica, won 2-0 (h) and drew 0-0 (a). Semi-finals: v Paris Saint-Germain, won 1-0 (a) and won 2-0 (h).
Top scorer: M Simone, 4 goals.
*2pts deducted and next two games played in Trieste after crowd trouble

Rijkaard was given the month free to concentrate his mind and to soothe his limbs in preparation for "an outburst of talent" in the Ernst Happel stadium.

He is finishing his career at the heights. Moreover, since he is a catalyst of the second generation of Ajax teams attempting to dominate Europe, even his skin tone is invaluable, for when the Ajax scouts look at young protégés, they find that 90 per cent of those attempting to break into the Ajax system are black. Many of them, like Rijkaard himself, have antecedents who were slaves from the Dutch colony of Surinam.

A slave trade of sorts goes on today. Footballers are bought and sold, unarguably the richest "slaves" in history, and at the opposite extreme to

Yet, despite all of the romance of home-grown ethics, three of Ajax's four most attacking players tonight are foreign. Jari Litmanen, the first Finn to play in a European Cup final, scores from midfield; Finidi George works the right flank; and Nwankwo Kanu, his fellow Nigerian, a lithe and confident 19-year-old with the build of a basketball player, leads the attack.



Rijkaard, the Ajax playmaker, hopes to end his career tonight with a winner's medal

Kanu says that the two games Ajax won against Milan earlier in the European Cup this season "turned me into a man". He outwitted then no lesser defenders than Franco Baresi and Paolo Maldini. But Milan have been rediscovering their pedigree, proving in their semi-final against Paris Saint-Germain that the touch, the technique, the multimillion-pound acquisitions, still have a trophy they covet enough to defend. In midfield are the French anchorman, Marcel Desailly, the Croat, Zvonimir Boban, and perhaps Gianluigi Lentini, the most expensive player in history, who is at last finding his form after the car crash that almost killed him. Lentini will play tonight if Eranio fails a fitness test.

More than 49,000 people are heading for the stadium, from Milan and Amsterdam, on 140 chartered planes. Six days short of the tenth anniversary of the Heysel Stadium tragedy, the police are erecting barriers of segregation at the airport, banning alcohol, preparing to avert a potential outbreak of hooliganism between known troublemakers. I hope it comes to joy on the field.

AJAX (3-4-3, probable): E van der Sar — M Reiziger, D Blind, F de Boer — R de Boer (or C Seedorf), F Rijkaard, J Litmanen, E Davids (or Seedorf) — F George, N Kanu, M Overmars.

AC MILAN (4-4-2, probable): S Rossi — C Panucci, A Costacurta, F Baresi, P Maldini — G Lentini (or S Eranio), M Desailly, D Albertini, Z Boban — D Savicevic, M Simone.

Britain to oppose shorter bans for drug cheats

By John Goodbody

GREAT Britain will oppose an international proposal to reduce the ban for athletes found to have taken anabolic steroids and amphetamines for the first time from four to two years.

The council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday decided to recommend this cut to its congress in Gothenburg on August 2 and 3, when it will need a two-thirds majority to secure the rule change.

However, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) immediately said that it would oppose the move. Tony Ward, its spokesman, said that Britain had softened its stance in 1991 when agreeing to four-year bans. Previously, it had refused to apply for the reinstatement of any British athlete found guilty of taking hormone drugs or serious stimulants; in effect, giving the competitor a lifetime ban.

Ward said: "There was an attempt to change the minimum ban to two years in 1993, but Britain spoke against it at the congress. The proposal was defeated by acclaim. We will oppose it again this year."

Dr Arne Ljundqvist, of Sweden, the chairman of the IAAF medical committee, said that the world governing body's decision was made in support of the wish of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to harmonise drug sanctions by the different governing bodies.

Christopher Winner, the IAAF spokesman, said that the move should not be seen as a softer line on doping. He said: "This recommendation does not reflect on our eagerness to rid the sport of drugs or to create a drug-free sport."

However, the IAAF must also be aware that a two-year ban for a first offence will help the world governing body in its battles with the civil courts of its member countries. Last week, Katrin Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion, had her suspension overturned by a German court and now she is preparing to sue the IAAF for loss of earnings.

The council's decision does not affect the IAAF's lifetime ban for a second offence or the three-month suspension for using minor drugs, including stimulants such as ephedrine, which are frequently taken inadvertently in cold cures.

In another decision, the IAAF proposed to include two women in an expanded 27-member council, which comprises 25 men at present. Primo Nebiolo, the president of the IAAF, said that four women had been nominated but he did not identify them. The closing date for nomination of candidates is July 20.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Nemeth swayed by Gordon's power

AS THE England basketball squad made its final preparations for the qualifying round of the European championships, which begin at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, today, there was confusion after a last-minute change of selection by Laszlo Nemeth, the coach (Nicholas Harling writes). Karl Brown was shattered to discover that he was one of six players being omitted after being assured the previous evening that he was included. His place has gone by Trevor Gordon, his former Guildford team-mate.

Nemeth's change of heart was all the more surprising in that the two players are vastly different in stature and position. Gordon, 6ft 9in, appears at centre for Manchester Giants, while the 6ft 1in Brown occupies the point guard role for the Leopards. "I decided I had to have an extra big man," Nemeth said. "I wanted to be absolutely assured that I had enough power for when we play Poland in the last game."

Hall cruises through

BADMINTON: Darren Hall reached the third round of the men's singles at the world championships with his second straight-games success in a row in Lausanne yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). Hall, from Essex, followed his victory over Lo Ah Heng on Monday by beating Duminda Jayakody, from Sri Lanka, 18-14, 15-4.

Anders Nielsen, Peter Knowles and Robert Nock were the other Englishmen to reach the third round.

Home run by Cassidy

CYCLING: The leadership in the 800-mile FBD Irish Milk Race changed again yesterday, but it was still a home rider, Phil Cassidy, 33, who took the yellow jersey at the end of the longest stage — 108 miles from Tipperary to Dingle (Peter Bryan writes). He was one of six to go clear after eight miles alongside Finn O'Sullivan, of Dublin, who started the day with a 2sec lead over him. Piotr Chmielewski, of Poland, was the stage winner.

Dermott clinches title

GOLF: Lisa Dermott, 22, a member of the Royal Liverpool club, won the Welsh women's amateur championship for the first time at Aberdovey yesterday. She clinched victory over Kate Stark, from Brynhill, Barry, at the first extra hole when she sank a 15-foot putt for an eagle three. Dermott, the runner-up last year, beat Bethan Jones, from Denbigh, in the semi-finals. Stark, 15, was the event's youngest ever finalist after overcoming Sue Lovatt, from Holywell.

Llorente reins in Aspen

POLO: The Dunhill-sponsored tournament for the Queen's Cup, the Guards Polo Club's high-goal trophy, continued at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday with the first division match between Aspen Midhurst, the quartet put together by Julian Hipwood for Doug Matthews, and Royal Pahang, Prince Abdullah of Malaysia's team, who won 12-9 (John Watson writes). Tomas Llorente, who looked the fastest rider on the pitch, contributed eight of the Pahang squad's goals.

Rashid and Basit back

CRICKET: Rashid Latif and Basit Ali, the Pakistan Test players who quit international cricket in February because of differences with Salim Malik, then the captain, are to return "in the greater national interest". They abandoned the team during the tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa amid match-fixing allegations against Malik, who denied the allegations and whose explanations were accepted by an inquiry committee.

Another cup rejection

FOOTBALL: Sheffield Wednesday have told the FA Premier League that they do not wish to take part in the Intertoto Cup, a controversial summer tournament that awards Uefa Cup places to the semi-finalists. Tottenham Hotspur, Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon have already declined their invitations.

□ Paul Peschisolido, the Stoke City striker, scored both goals as Canada beat Northern Ireland 2-0 late on Monday.

Brasenose look strong at start of Summer Eights

THE Oxford University Summer Eights, which start today on the Isis, offer tantalising rowing prospects over the next four days in the men's and women's first divisions (a Special Correspondent writes).

Oriel look vulnerable to Brasenose, who beat them by 1¼ lengths over 1,500 metres at Wallingford. Their narrow escape in the Torpids last term may leave them nervous, while Brasenose will be determined not to let Oriel slip away a second time.

Osler House's women, with a strong complement of 1995 Blues, look fast and should survive. Their strongest challenge will probably come from St Hilda's, whose crew is composed entirely of members of the 1995 Oxford University WBC squad, with Abbie Chapman, the Boat Race cox, steering.

Starting order

Men

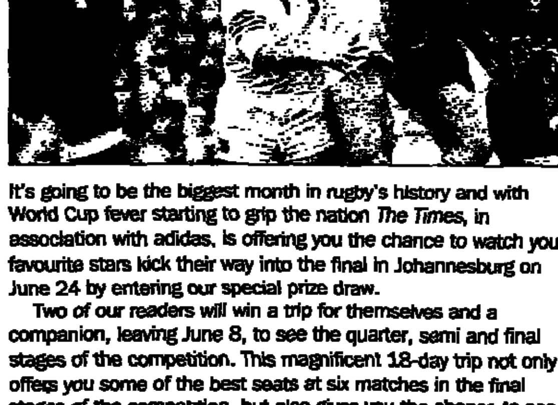
FIRST DIVISION (6.45): Oriel, Pembroke, St Edmund Hall, Christ Church, Brasenose, Balliol, University, Worcester, Magdalen, St John's, Keble, New College.
SECOND DIVISION (5.45): Lincoln, Jesus, Wadham, St Peter's, St Catherine's, Exeter, Hertford, Trinity, Oriel II, Wolfson, Christ Church II, Merton.
THIRD DIVISION (5.15): Lady Margaret Hall, St Anne's, Queen's, New College II, St Edmund Hall II, University II, Corpus Christi, Pembroke II, Linacre, Osler House, Balliol II, Worcester II.
FOURTH DIVISION (4 05): Osler House II, Oriel III, Mansfield, St Hugh's, Magdalen II, Keble II, Brasenose II, Exeter II, St John's II, Lincoln II, St Peter's II, Hertford II
FIFTH DIVISION (3.30): Wolfson II, St Catherine's II, Jesus II, University III, Keble III, Wadham II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Queen's II, Balliol III, New College III, Christ Church III, Merton II.
SIXTH DIVISION (2.20). Worcester III, Oriel IV, Pembroke III, Trinity II, Oriel V, Regent's Pk, St Edmund III, St Catherine's III, Magdalen III, Exeter III, University IV, New Coll IV.
SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): Magdalen IV, St Anne's II, St John's III, Osler House III, Linacre II, St Edmund Hall IV, Lincoln III, St Benet's Hall, St Edmund Hall V, Corpus Christi II, Merton III, St Edmund Hall VI.
EIGHTH DIVISION (12.35). St Antony's, Wadham III, Mansfield II, Wolfson III, St John's IV, Somerville, Somerville II, Pembroke IV, Exeter IV, Jesus III, St John's V, Merton IV, Merton V.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (6.15): Osler House, New College, Pembroke, Somerville, St Hilda's, Brasenose, University, St Catherine's, Jesus, Wadham, St Anne's, Oriel
SECOND DIVISION (4 40): Christ Church, Wolfson, Keble, St Edmund Hall, Lady Margaret Hall, Magdalen, Hertford, St Hugh's, Worcester, St John's, Somerville II, Linacre.
THIRD DIVISION (2.55). Lincoln, Merton, Balliol, Trinity, New College II, Exeter, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Pembroke II, St Peter's, Osler House II, St Hugh's II.
FOURTH DIVISION (1.10): Mansfield, St Hilda's II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Christ Church II, University II, Wadham II, Keble II, Regent's Park, St John's II, Osler House III, Worcester II, St Edmund Hall II.
FIFTH DIVISION (12.0): St Catherine's II, Linacre II, New College III, Merton II, Exeter II, Brasenose II, St Peter's II, Wolfson II, St John's III, Westminster, St Hilda's III, St John's IV, Wadham III.

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FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

LAUSANNE: World championships: Selected results: First round: Men: P Knowles (Eng) bt A Meyer (Arg) 15-1, 15-2; R Nock (Eng) bt R Fernandes (Por) 15-12, 15-6, R Vaughan (Wales) bt G Kumasaka (Br) 15-0, 15-7, Chen Gang (China) bt E Mckenna (Ire) 15-13, 15-7; B Flockhart (Scot) bt E Thobois (Fr) 17-14, 15-9; O Pongratz (Ger) bt C Robertson (Scot) 15-4, 15-1; D Hall (Eng) bt Lo Ah Heng (Malaysia) 15-3, 15-6; A Bush (Eng) bt Tam Lok Tin (HK) 15-11, 15-5 Second round: Knowles bt A Islam (Pak) 15-6, 15-4; Nock bt A Bozorgzadeh (Iran) 15-4, 15-7; F D'Amours (Can) bt Vaughan 15-6, 15-7; Flockhart bt P Peev (Bul) 17-14, 15-0; Nielsen bt G Adolfsson (Ice) 15-2, 15-6, Hall bt D Jayakody (Sri Lanka) 18-14, 15-4; H Sperre (Nor) bt B Topping (Ire) 15-8, 15-4; Xie Yangchun (China) bt Bush 15-5, 15-2; J Leung (Wales) bt D Daffion (Switz) 15-4, 15-2. Women: T Groves (Eng) bt C Skropke (Ger) 12-10, 11-1; Hu Ning (China) bt A Humby (Eng) 11-3, 11-5. J Mann (Eng) bt S Wo (US) 11-4, 11-2, S Hore (Eng) bt Z Kenizova (Slovakia) 11-0, 11-0 Second round: T Ida (Japan) bt A Gibson (Scot) 11-3, 11-6. J Muggeridge (Eng) bt S Wibowo (Switz) 11-0, 11-6; Groves w/o O Sholar (Kaz) scr; Y Sentosa (Indo) bt K Morgan (Wales) 12-9, 2-11, 11-6; Chan Y Lin (Taiwan) bt G Martin (Scot) 11-0, 11-5, Hore bt A Harsag (Hun) 11-4, 8-11, 12-10, Mann bt Ximena Bellido (Peru) 11-0, 11-2. Third round: Muggeridge bt N Nedialkova (Bul) 11-0, 11-1, Chia Chi Huang (Taiwan) bt Groves 10-12, 11-6, 11-4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 3 Houston 2 (10 inns); Montreal 5 Florida 2; Colorado 9 Chicago 8.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 10 Seattle 8; Kansas City 7 Toronto 0, Milwaukee 7 Cleveland 5

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: Houston 94 San Antonio 93 (Houston leads best-of-seven series 1-0).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Felling: Durham 190 (S G Kenlock 5-49); Surrey 169-4. Canterbury: Kent 327 (C Penn 112, M V Fleming 61, N W Preston 60, G R Cowdrey 58; C C Remy 5-74); Sussex 88-0. Solihull CC: Hampshire 393-8 dec (M Keech 75, M J Thursfield 57, R J Maru 74, M Garaway 74 not out), Warwickshire 17-1. Taunton: Somerset 342 (P C L Holloway 132, J I D Kerr 73, R J Green 4-59); Lancashire 24-3. Bristol: Essex 312 (D D J Robinson 74, M A Garnham 71, A J E Hibbert 53); Gloucestershire 45-2. Worcester: Worcestershire 397-9 dec (D A Leatherdale 134, C M Tolley 85, M J Church 53); Leicestershire 66-1. Harrow: Middlesex v Northamptonshire; Middlesex 341-5 (J C Harrison 175 not out, P Farbrace 50). Swansea: Glamorgan 307 (A J Dalton 93, A D Shaw 53; I D Fisher 4-61); Yorkshire 20-4.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Croydon Schools under-15s 229-3 (S Newman 78, R Loughlin 53 not out); Southampton Schools under-15 71 Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 174 (R Fisher 74) St Edmunds College 176-7 (T Gilham 69).

CYCLING

FBD IRISH MILK RACE: Third stage (Tuam to Tipperary, 105 miles): 1, M Illingworth (GB) 4hr 20min 13sec; 2, R Eden (guest) same time; 3, M Michalec (Pol) at 10sec Overall positions: 1, F O'Sullivan (Dublin) 11:12:18; 2, P Cassidy (Ire) at 2sec; 3, P McQuaid (Ire) same time; 5, M Illingworth (GB) at 1min 08sec

FOOTBALL

CANADA CUP: Canada 2 Northern Ireland 0 (in Edmonton).
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Ferro 0 Boca 1; Rosario Central 0 Racing 2; Arg Juniors 0 Velez 2; Independiente 3 Talleres 1; Belgrano 0 Platense 0; Gimnasia Jujuy 1 Mandiyu 1; Gimnasia La Plata 1 Lanus 0, San Lorenzo 3 Huracan 0; River 0 Deportivo Español 2.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro state championship: Flamengo 2 America 1; Botafogo 0 Fluminense 0; Volta Redonda 1 Entrerriense 0; Vasco 1 Bangu 1. São Paulo state championship: São Paulo 2 Rio Branco 0; Palmeiras 3 Corinthians 1; Santos 1 Ferroviaria 0: Guarani 1 Bragantino 0; America 2 Novorizontino 0; Uniao São Joao 1 Juventus 1; Aracatuba 2 Portuguesa 1; XV de Piracicaba 2 Ponte Preta 1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Cafferkey under-19 Cup: Final: Halton 3 Liverpool 2. English Schools Northern Counties championship Under-19: Final: West Yorkshire 3, Lancashire 2 (aet).

GOLF

MADRID: World championship of golf: European leg: Quarter-finals: J Parnevik (Swe) bt D Gilford (Eng) 2 and 1; B Langer (Ger) bt A Lyle (Scot) 3 and; S Ballesteros (Sp) bt M A Jiménez (Sp) 3 and 2; B Lane (Eng) bt S Torrance (Scot) 2 and 1.
IPSWICH: English women's amateur championship: First round: Early scores: 75: S Coverley (Woodsome Hall). 78: L Walters (Ormonde Fields), G Scase (Orsett). 79: T Wilson (Chelmsford). 80: S Neden (Woodsome Hall) 81: L Taylor (Wilmslow) 83: J Johnson (Chelmsford), F Smith (Porters Park). 84: A Boatman (Royal Worlington). 85: J Roberts (Thurlestone). 86: S Potts (Ely City), S Cormack (Bedford and County), J Waller (St Ives). 92: R Murr (Enmore Park).
ABERDOVEY, Gwynedd: Welsh women's amateur championship: Final: L Dermott (Royal Liverpool) bt K Stark (Brynhill) at 19th.
NORTHOP COUNTRY PARK, Clwyd: Redrow Welsh PGA championship: Final scores: 139: S Dodd (St Mary's) 69, 70 140: M Mouland (unattached) 71, 69. 141: P Affleck (Target Express Parcels) 69, 72. 143: M Litton (Chesfield Downs) 73, 70; D Wood (Castle Point) 71, 72; W Lockett (Woodhall Hills) 70, 73; M Stanford (Saltford) 71, 72. 144: A Griffiths (Llanymynech) 77, 67 146: A Pritchard (Ross-on-Wye) 75, 71; K Jones (Caldy) 74, 72; L Bond (St Pierre) 72, 74. R Dinsdale (Newport) 73, 73; S Wilkinson (Walton Hall) 69, 77.
BLACKWELL: Ben Sayers/Pro-Quip Senior club professional championship: First round: 66: T Horton (Royal Jersey). 68: T Squires (Boston). 69: P Leonard (Dunmurry), D Huish (North Berwick). 70: B Huggett (ret), D Butler (Coombe Wood). 71: D Craik (Frilford Heath), R Browne (Laytown and Bettystown), B Proudfoot (Berkhamsted), R Whitehead (unatt), J McAlister (Haggs Castle)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Eastern Conference play-offs: Philadelphia 4 NY Rangers 3 (OT) (Philadelphia leads best-of-seven series 2-0); New Jersey 4 Pittsburgh 2 (series tied 1-1).

MOTOR SPORT

ISLE OF MAN: RAC Hill climb championship: 1, M Colton (Pilbeam) 53.07sec (record); 2, Grace (Pilbeam) 53.42; 3, A Priaulx (Pilbeam) 53.62; 4, G Priaulx (Pilbeam) 55.49; 5, A Marsh (Toleman) 56.04. Championship standings: 1, A Priaulx 43pts; 2, Grace 42; 3, R Lane 35. RAC sprint championship: 1, B Bristow (Ralt) 50.98 (record); 2, A Marsh (Toleman) 51.34, 3, P Harper (Vision) 53.05. standings: 1, Marsh 22; 2, C Hill 16, 3, A Garnett 16.
LINCOLNSHIRE: Diamond Jubilee Stages: 1, H Gibbs (Cosworth Fiesta) 50:39; 2, K Allison (Sierra Cosworth) 51:43; 3, P Gallagher (Sierra Cosworth) 52:09.
CORNWALL: TSH Stages: 1, R Hearn (Darrian T9) 66min 12sec; 2, M Tregoning (Escort Cosworth) 68:59, 3, A Orchard (Escort Cosworth) 69:14.
MID WALES FOREST STAGES: 1, D Humphreys (Escort Cosworth) 45:01, 2, I Roberts (Sierra Cosworth) 45:07; 3, R Gough (Escort) 46:09.
LANCASHIRE: Mechanique Stages: 1, J Harland (Darrian T9) 29:20; 2, I Savage (Escort Cosworth) 29:42; 3, M Fox (Escort Cosworth) 29:51.
SHROPSHIRE: Washcraft Stages: 1, R Aiken (Escort) 48:36; 2, P Davy (Peugeot 205) 49:06; 3, A Snell (Escort) 49:20

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND: Women's world championships: Semi-finals: S Haswell (GB) bt S Jones (GB) 6-4, 6-2; P Lumley (GB) bt K Allen (GB) 6-3, 6-1 Final: Lumley bt Haswell.

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SHOOTING

APELDOORN, Holland: Disabled tournament: 1, P Schwarzler (Austria) 593pts; 2, M Oaten (GB) 575; 3, G Kruger (Ger) 571, 4, P Allan (GB) 568 Team: 1, Great Britain 1,647
VERSAILLES: National Rifle Association tour team match: Teams of eight (300 metres): 1, NRA 2,339pts; 2, Les Tireurs de Versailles 2,267. Individual: C Fitzpatrick (NRA) 298.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 51 Eastbourne 45, Wolverhampton 47 Cradley Heath 49; Reading 51 Belle Vue 45.

TENNIS

BOLOGNA: Men's tournament: First round: G Schaller (Austria) bt C Caratti (It) 6-3, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt B Black (Zim) 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; J Sánchez (Sp) bt C U Steeb (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, S Dosedel (Cz) bt A Mancisidor (Sp) 6-2, 6-1; M Filippini (Uru) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6, 6-4.
DÜESSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Blue Group: Germany bt United States 2-1. Red Group: Russia bt Holland 2-1.
STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: K Date (Japan) bt N Baudone (It) 6-2, 6-3; M Oremans (Holl) bt K Po (US) 7-5, 7-6; Y Kamio (Japan) bt A Keller (US) 6-1, 6-1; S Appelmans (Bel) bt A Frazier (US) 6-0, 6-1; M-J Fernandez (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-2, 6-3, L McNeil (US) bt A-S Billigholfer (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; J Wiesner (Austria) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-1, 6-1, M Werdel-Witmeyer (US) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-4, 5-7, 6-0: A Fusai (Fr) bt L Porwi (US) 6-4, 6-0. S Testud (Fr) bt L Tella (Br) 6-3, 6-4; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt N Dechy (Fr) 7-5, 6-7, 6-2, A Vieira (Br) bt J Lee (US) 6-3, 6-2; M Endo (Japan) bt E Martincova (Cz) 7-5, 6-3; S Rottier (Holl) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; N Bradtke (Aus) bt M Bernard (Can) 6-0, 6-2.

YACHTING

TORQUAY: Soling European match race championship: 1, A Beadsworth (GB); 2, H Johannson (Nor); 3, S Childerley (GB); 4, L Doreste (Sp); 5, M Bouet (Fr); 6, G Charles (GB)

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.10 (1m) 1, First Island (M Hills, 33-1); 2t, Iktamal (7-2); 2t, Kilcoran Bay (4-1). Bibliotheque 2-1 fav. 9 ran 2½l, dd-ht. G Wragg. Tote: £27.00; £5.80, Iktamal £1.20, Kilcoran Bay £1.90 DF. First Island, Iktamal, £36.30; First Island, Kilcoran Bay, £33.40. Trio £223 50. CSF. First Island, Iktamal, £85.12; First Island, Kilcoran Bay, £71.44 After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

2.40 (7f) 1, Shahid (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, Emirates Express (11-2); 3, Jam N Shadeed (11-1) 11 ran 1½l, 1¼l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £4.90. Trio £20 10 CSF £8.38 Tricast £48.24

3.10 (5f) 1, Wisam (W R Swinburn, 4-6 fav); 2, Castan (6-1); 3, Princess Pamgaddy (13-2). 7 ran 3l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.50 DF: £3.70. CSF: £5 07.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Pentire (M Hills, 11-8 fav); 2, Istidaad (13-2); 3, Fahal (4-1). 6 ran, Sh hd, nk. G Wragg. Tote £2.30, £1 50, £2.50. DF: £4 90. CSF. £9.37

4.10 (1m 1f) 1, Pay Homage (M Hills, 12-1); 2, Ham N'Eggs (13-2); 3, Wilcuma (3-1 fav). 11 ran Hd, ¾l. I Balding. Tote £13.10, £3 10, £1.90, £1.60. DF. £26.20 Trio. £54.20 CSF. £77 70. Tricast: £266 73

4.45 (6f) 1, Takapuna (R Perham, 7-2); 2, Bobsworthalcaspers (2-1 fav); 3, Don't Tell Vicki (14-1) 7 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote. £4.40, £2.30, £1.80. DF. £5 50 CSF: £10 38.

5.20 (6f) 1, Al Rawda (W Ryan, 5-2); 2, Everglades (7-1); 3, Kassbaan (4-5 fav). 5 ran. 1l, ¾l H Cecil. Tote: £3.00: £1.30, £2.10. DF: £6.90 CSF: £16.36.

Jackpot: £12,570.70 (0.1 winning tickets; pool of £15,934.80 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £43.70. Quadpot: £5.80.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.25 (5f) 1, Vesnca Lady (K Darley, 11-10 fav); 2, April's Joy (4-1); 3, Doug's Folly (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Penny Parkes. ¾l, ¾l E Weymes. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.30. DF £3.90. CSF: £6.64

2.55 (7f 100yd) 1, Shaym (R Price, 11-10 fav); 2, Verde Luna (4-1); 3, Young Benson (6-1) 8 ran NR: Tap On Tootsie. 1¼l, 1¼l. R Armstrong. Tote. £1.70; £1.40, £1.80. DF. £4.40 CSF: £5.84.

3.25 (1m 100yd) 1, Hunters Of Brora (T Ives, 3-1); 2, River Board (5-2 fav); 3, Moving Arrow (3-1). 5 ran. ¾l, 3l. J Bethell. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £8.40. CSF: £9.88.

3.55 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Blue Nile (B Thomson, 9-1); 2, Barford Sovereign (6-1); 3, Hydrofoil (9-2). Poly Road 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 4l, ½l. A Stewart. Tote. £14.20, £5.00, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £41.20. Trio: £51.10. CSF: £80.67. Tricast: £256.80.

4.25 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Green Land (K Darley, 8-1), 2, Kildrummy Castle (7-1). 3, Bowcliffe Court (10-1). Westminster 9-2 fav 13 ran. 1¼l, ¾l, S Williams Tote: £9.30; £2.80, £1.90, £5.20 DF: £44.50. Trio: £129.70 CSF: £59.86 Tricast: £518.63.

5.00 (5f) 1, Ziggy's Dancer (K Fallon, 9-1); 2, Ya Malak (5-2); 3, Lucky Parkes (6-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Call Me I'm Blue. 3½l, ¾l, E Alston. Tote: £14 40; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £21.00. CSF £23.26

Placepot: £73.70. Quadpot: £51.10.

Monday's late details

Edinburgh

Going: good to firm

7.00 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, Daily Starlight (M Wigham, 4-1); 2, Master Charter (5-2 fav). 3, Royal Expression (7-2). 7 ran. 2½l, 2l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote £7.40; £2.30, £3.20 DF. £10.90. CSF: £15.34.

7.30 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, Imperial Bid (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Lalvan (7-1). 3, Killick (5-2 fav) 11 ran. ¾l, nk. Denys Smith. Tote: £8 10, £3 60, £2.90, £1.50. DF £18 60 Trio: £19.40 CSF £55.01. Tricast £145 33

8.00 (1m 16yd) 1, Mary's Case (D Holland, 7-4 fav); 2, Flair Lady (9-2); 3, Road My Lips (20-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 2½l M Johnston, Tote. £2.70; £1.40, £1.60, £2.60 DF: £6.20 Trio. £60.30. CSF £10.59.

8.30 (1m 16yd) 1, Champagne N Dreams (Alex Greaves, 8-1), 2, Euro Sceptic (13-2), 3, Concer Un (2-1 fav). 13 ran 1½l, ½l D Nicholls Tote: £11.20; £2.40, £2 40, £1.90. DF £86.90. Trio £102.20 CSF £63.76 Tricast: £138.58.

9.00 (7f 15yd) Race abandoned After persistent rain the final bend was slippery and deemed unsuitable for racing

Placepot: £14.60 Quadpot: £6.20.

Warwick

Going: good

6.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Blue Cheek (Mr N Bradley, 7-2), 2, Causeway Cruiser (9-1); 3, Anjubi (16-1). Bironi 7-4 fav (ur). 14 ran. NR Seal King, Wildnite. 10l, 10l. J Mahon. Tote. £3 90; £1 50, £1.80, £9.80. DF £11 00. Trio. £59 40 CSF: £31 47

6.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, My Mellow Man (Mr P Henley, 5-1), 2, Beech Grove (3-1 fav), 3, Tap Dancing (11-2) 11 ran. NR Sams Heritage. ¾l, 5l. W Gooden. Tote £4.70, £1.70, £1 90, £2.00. DF £6.60 Trio £9.70. CSF £20.03

7.15 (4m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Rusty Bridge (Mr R Johnson, 4-1); 2, Wont Be Gone Long (7-1), 3, Mylege (10-1). Cot Lane 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR, Mendip Music. 2½l, 10l. Mrs S Johnson. Tote. £3 80; £1 50, £1.90, £5.70. DF £19 30. Trio: £83 40. CSF £30.08.

7.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, The Blue Boy (Mr R Johnson, 3-1), 2, Loughlinstown Boy (8-1). 3, The Malakarma (9-4 fav). 7 ran. NR. Coverdale Lane, On The Other Hand, Teaplanter 2½l, 12l Tote: £3.30. £2 20, £2 80, DF. £13 30. Trio. £8.80. CSF £23.57.

8.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Andrelot (Mr J Jukes, 3-1); 2, Honest Word (13-2); 3, Loddon Lad (20-1). Great Gusto 13-8 fav. 15 ran. Nk, 3l. S Dough. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £2.70, £3.80 DF: £9.10 Trio £147.10. CSF £21.40

8.45 (2m) 1, Final Pride (Mr E Williams, 4-6 fav); 2, The Communicator (14-1). 3, Four Rivers (8-1) 16 ran. 1¼l, 2l. P Bowen. Tote £1.70, £1 40, £3.40, £1.90. DF: £10 90. Trio £37 00 CSF. £12.69.

Placepot: £302.00. Quadpot: £48.00

Irate jockeys hurdle hazardous path

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent


HUGH ROUTLEDGE
Istidaad (left) and Romanzof approach the controversial roadway after contesting the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

GOODWOOD'S new season opened yesterday with a fresh controversy over safety at the accident-prone racecourse which had senior jockeys fuming and could have prejudiced the career of a Royal Ascot-bound horse.

The row involved an artificial roadway, crossing the course beyond the winning post, which had not been covered with grass cuttings. The resulting glare startled young horses and prompted one to fly-leap the path like a novice hurdler.

Pat Eddery complained to racecourse officials about the potential danger after the first race and the jockeys' fears were confirmed when Wisam, ridden by Walter Swinburn, jumped the path awkwardly seconds after making an impressive winning debut in the Clive Graham Maiden Stakes.

"The roadway caters for cars and not horses. It's shocking; a horse could break his leg on that," Swinburn said. "We have brought it up in the past but yet again nothing has been done. After the first race Pat complained about it.

"It is worse for two-year-olds. They don't encounter anything like this and we meet it on the descent. A horse could easily have done some harm and when you are bringing nice machinery here you don't expect that sort of thing."

Swinburn was fortunate not to be unseated as Wisam suddenly took off over the crossing, used by vehicles to reach a car park on the inside of the course. "Thank God for my hunting days in Ireland. I saw a stride a few yards before and I was very grateful the way the horse picked up."

Goodwood has had more than its fair share of accidents in recent years, with a void race and tight bends being responsible for top jockeys like Steve Cauthen and Michael Kinane being brought down during races.

Rod Fabricius, clerk of the course, said: "I have seen Willie Carson, Gary Carter and Pat Eddery and they are saying the pathway has bleached since last year. Obviously these two-year-olds were startled by it and tried to fly-jump it. I am arranging for it to be covered with grass cuttings tomorrow. It is the first time I have had complaints from the jockeys."

Wisam will attempt to go one better than his half-brother, Moon King, who was beaten a neck by Sri Pekan in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot last year. "He's a good horse and he will come on a lot for that run. He's better than you saw today," Richard Hannon said.

Aside from the controversy, Michael Hills took the riding honours with a 1,048-1 treble, the highlight being Pentire's last-stride victory in the Westminster Taxi Insurance Predominate Stakes. The colt, who races in the colours of Mollers Racing, does not have an Epsom entry, but is likely to go for the King Edward VII Stakes, known for many years as the Ascot Derby.

For Geoff Wragg, trainer of Pentire, it is a familiar path. He won the Predominate with Jeune in 1992, who went on to finish second in the Ascot race, while Beneficial went one better, having finished runner-up at Goodwood.

The big-race success completed a fine afternoon for Wragg which began when First Island came from almost last to first to win the Trehearne & Norman Maiden Stakes at 33-1. The Dominion colt had an operation during the winter to cure a problem with his stifle.

In France, a fascinating racecourse gallop at Saint-Cloud saw Carnegie, winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last year, and Pennekamp, the Derby favourite, work with two stable companions.

Carnegie, ridden by Thierry Jarnet, finished in front and was confirmed a definite runner for the Coronation Cup on Derby Day. Pennekamp, partnered by Sylvain Guillot, cruised from five lengths off the lead to finish second without being asked a serious question.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SWEET MAGIC
(2.40 Goodwood)

Next best: Beauchamp Hero
(3.40 Goodwood)

Mandarina to make mark

GOODWOOD
BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.10: **Sweet Magic** is a confident choice. Jack Holt is a master with sprinters and this lightly raced four-year-old looks set for a successful season after a good second to Brave Edge (winner since) at Sandown, where he led everywhere but on the winning line. Today's extra furlong will suit admirably and with the front-running Palacegate Touch in a nearby stall he should get a perfect lead. The main danger is Golden Lady, who finished strongly over an inadequate five furlongs at Chester 15 days ago.

3.10: Plenty of pace here with front runners like Brave Revival, Snowtown and Tillandsia, which could count against Subya, the form choice. John Dunlop's filly, winner of a listed race before finishing fourth in a group two event in Germany, is far from certain to stay, given her breeding and style of running. Kshessinskaya, third in the Lingfield Oaks Trial, looked as though she would appreciate further rather than stepping back in distance. Blue Revival won a Kempton maiden in taking style and will improve again but there could be some each-way value with **Mandarina**. Luca Cumani's filly, who beat Shadid last year, finished behind Subya at Kempton but she looked in need of the race and is open to improvement.

3.40: John Dunlop, a director of Goodwood, loves to have a winner here and **Beauchamp Hero** has an excellent chance. The five-year-old ran in the best handicaps last year and on his seasonal reappearance he put up a fine effort under ten stone to finish third to Parthian Springs at Newmarket. He has not raced this far before but should stay the trip well round this sharp track. Saxon Maid will win more races this term but she prefers some give in the ground. Mercadier is having his first run in a handicap and looks a bigger threat.

Richard Evans

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.10 Sea Thunder
2.40 Sweet Magic
3.10 Subya
3.40 Beauchamp Hero
4.10 Douce Maison
4.45 Positivo
5.20 Chalamont

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 TILLANDSIA (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 FINNBOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £4,199: 7f) (10 runners)

101 (9) 0 BARRIYAH 29 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 W Carson –
102 (5) 4 BY THE BAY 19 (J Redmond) B Hills 8-11 M Hills 86
103 (10) 4420-0 HASAID LADY 37 (Mrs C Hanington) R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (7) –
104 (4) 0 LOVELY LYCA 33 (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 8-11 B Thomson 83
105 (1) 63 MAKRI 11 (S Niarchos) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 Paul Eddery 80
106 (6) MARGUERITE BAY (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-11 W R Swinburn –
107 (3) RISING RIVER (G Pritchard-Gordon) S Woodman 8-11 M Fenton –
108 (2) 2- RON'S SECRET 238 (Mrs L Popely) J Payne 8-11 R Cochrane 80
109 (7) 433- SEA THUNDER 216 (Greenfield Stud) I Balding 8-11 Pat Eddery 99
110 (3) 0 SUMMER RETREAT 60 (BF) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori –

BETTING: 7-2 Sea Thunder, 5-1 By The Bay, Summer Retreat, Makri, 6-1 Lovely Lyca, 7-1 Marguerite Bay, Ron's Secret, 5-1 others.

1994: TITANIA'S WAY 8-11 R Cochrane (11-10 fav) R Charlton 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARRIYAH 19l 3rd to Rosebud in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good). BY THE BAY about 2l 4th to Moonlight Saunter in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). LOVELY LYCA 7l 7th to Tarhhib in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm). MAKRI head and 6l 3rd to Cap And Gown in maiden at Bath (1m, firm). RON'S SECRET ½l 2nd to Sayeh in maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to soft). SEA THUNDER 3l 3rd to Supreme Sens in conditions race at Maisons-Laffitte (7f, soft). SUMMER RETREAT 9½l 13th to Fata in maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SEA THUNDER

2.40 GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL HANDICAP (BBC2)
(£7,180: 6f) (9 runners)

201 (5) 402-150 PALACEGATE TOUCH 8 (B,D,G,S) (Palacegate Corp Ltd) J Berry 5-10-0 G Carter 99
202 (1) 40100-0 NO EXTRAS 21 (D,F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 5-9-12 B Rouse 65
203 (2) 0065-00 MY BEST VALENTINE 21J (B,F,G) (The Valentines) J White 5-9-7 F Norton 88
204 (9) 001-000 HOW'S YER FATHER 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 9-9-5 Pat Eddery 95
205 (6) 0-10615 CASTLEREA LAD 18 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 6-9-4 L Dettori 95
206 (3) 00012-2 SWEET MAGIC 25 (G) (Mrs J Crawford) L Holt 4-8-13 J Reid 96
207 (8) 124-564 THAT MAN AGAIN 25 (F) (M Jameson) G Lewis 3-5-10 A Whelan (5) 91
208 (4) 01-152 GOLDEN LADY 15 (D,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) R Hannon 3-8-10 T Quinn 94
209 (7) 152006 INVOCATION 11 (CD,F,G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 8-7-13 T Williams 96

BETTING: 3-1 Sweet Magic, 7-2 Golden Lady, 4-1 How's Yer Father, 5-1 Castlerea Lad, 6-1 That Man Again, 10-1 Palacegate Touch, 16-1 No Extras, 20-1 Invocation, My Best Valentine.

1994: CARRANITA 4-9-10 Stephen Davies (8-1) B Palling 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALACEGATE TOUCH best effort this term beat Saddlehome 3½l in 23-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good to soft) with CASTLEREA LAD (4lb better off) 15½l 20th. NO EXTRAS 10l 20th of 25 to Jawaal in handicap at Ascot (7f, good to firm). HOW'S YER FATHER 3¼l 8th of 14 to Ann's Pearl in handicap at Bath (5f, firm). CASTLEREA LAD beat Chiming in head in 13-runner handicap at Pontefract (6f, firm) on penultimate start. SWEET MAGIC neck 2nd of 12 to Brave Edge in handicap at Sandown (5f, good). THAT MAN AGAIN about 2¼l 4th of 9 to Double Quick in handicap at Sandown (5f, good). GOLDEN LADY short-head 2nd of 8 to Total Stranger in handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm).
Selection: CASTLEREA LAD

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT LUPE STAKES (BBC2)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £18,000: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301 (1) 1652-14 SUBYA 17 (F,G) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 94
302 (5) 4-1 BLUE ZULU 18 (F) (T & J Vesley) J Fanshawe 8-8 D Harrison 89
303 (9) 42143-1 BRAVE REVIVAL 19 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-8 W R Swinburn 83
304 (3) 5-5 FRESH FRUIT DAILY 14 (K Hudson) P Kelleway 8-8 Paul Eddery 89
305 (4) 63 KSHESSINSKAYA 11 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-8 M Rimmer 86
306 (8) 31-6 MANDARINA 38 (F) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 8-8 L Dettori 81
307 (7) 1563-4 SNOWTOWN 14 (C,BF,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 J Reid 95
308 (6) 21 TILLANDSIA 18 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-8 M J Kinane 76
309 (2) 0-12 YARM 14 (F) (D Shepherd) M Channon 8-8 R Hughes 99

BETTING: 4-1 Subya, 5-1 Brave Revival, Mandarina, 6-1 Blue Zulu, Fresh Fruit Daily, Yarn, 7-1 others.

1994: BULAXIE 9-0 W Carson (4-9 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUBYA beat Poppy Carew ¾l in 13-runner listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with MANDARINA ABOUT 5¼l 6th. BLUE ZULU beat Avignon 3l in 12-runner maiden at Kempton (1m, good to firm). BRAVE REVIVAL beat Nordic Doll short-head in 6-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good). FRESH FRUIT DAILY about 2¼l 5th of 12 to Dream Ticket in maiden at Chester (7f, good to firm). Previously about 3¼l 5th of 8 to Hiwaya in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good) Oct 1994. KSHESSINSKAYA ¾l and head 3rd of 5 to Asteria in listed race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, firm). SNOWTOWN 1¼l 3rd of 9 to Agaarid in group I Fillies Mile at Ascot (good to soft) on penultimate start, Sep 1994. TILLANDSIA beat Top Shop 2½l in 10-runner maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm). YARN ¾l 2nd of 7 to Dance A Dream in listed race at Chester (1m 3f 79yd, good to firm) with SNOWTOWN 5½l 4th.
Selection: YARN

3.40 KINCSEM RATED HANDICAP (BBC2)
(£9,107: 1m 6f) (6 runners)

401 (4) 64056-3 BEAUCHAMP HERO 17 (F,S) (E Penser) J Dunlop 5-9-7 J Reid 99
402 (6) 412141- SAXON MAID 200 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-5 M J Kinane 9
403 (5) 0000-10 WISHING 17 (F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-11 L Dettori 9
404 (3) 010-004 ENDLESS LIGHT 8 (F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-8-6 T Quinn 8
405 (1) 24-4 MERCADIER 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 4-8-4 B Doyle 8
406 (2) 006-000 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 7 (B,D,F,G,S) (P & S Lever Pinrs) R Hannon 6-8-4 G Carter 8

Long handicap: Mercadier 8-1, Flight Lieutenant 8-1

BETTING: 9-4 Saxon Maid, 3-1 Beauchamp Hero, 7-2 Wishing, 9-2 Endless Light, 7-1 Mercadier, 10-1 Flight Lieutenant.

1994: CASTLE COURAGEOUS 7-9-7 J Reid (10-1) Lady Herries 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP HERO 1¾l 3rd to Parthian Springs in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) with WISHING (2lb better off) about 13¾l 9th and ENDLESS LIGHT (5lb better off) 2l 10th. SAXON MAID beat Penny A Day 3l in 24-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft) with BEAUCHAMP HERO (13lb better off) about 8¾l 6th. WISHING beat Shadow Leader neck in 17-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start with ENDLESS LIGHT (8lb better off) about 4½l 7th and FLIGHT LIEUTENANT (8lb better off) 5½l 11th. ENDLESS LIGHT about 5l 4th of 10 to Arctic Thunder in handicap at York (1m 4f, good to firm). MERCADIER 10¾l last of 4 to Baron Ferdinand in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BEAUCHAMP HERO (nap)

4.10 SOUTHERNPRINT HANDICAP (£4,342: 1m) (14 runners)

501 (2) 1/85000- BLUE BOMBER 223 (F,G) (P Murphy) C Weedon 4-10-0 R Painter (5) 9
502 (13) 006-000 KINGCHIP BOY 21 (V,CD,F,G) (Four Jays Racing Ptnrs) M Ryan 6-9-6 A Clark 9
503 (9) 215-000 CAPTAIN'S DAY 11 (F,G) (W Norton) T Mills 3-9-2 J Reid 9
504 (8) 03201-5 PIQUANT 12 (D,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9-1 L Dettori 9
505 (1) 1305-00 ANOTHER FIDDLE 30 (F) (W Alexander) R Akehurst 5-9-0 T Quinn 9
506 (10) 21036-0 LUCKY TUCKY 58 (D,G) (L Tuckwell Ltd) J Jenkins 4-8-9 G Carter 8
507 (11) 61- BALLYNAKELLY 318 (G) (Y Y Partnership) R Akehurst 3-8-9 S Sanders (3) –
508 (7) 3410-01 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 12 (D,F,G) (M Thurgood) M Usher 8-8-8 B Thomson 9
509 (14) 40150-3 NARBONNE 5 (D,S) (Saracen Racing) B McMath 4-8-6 R Cochrane 9
510 (6) 0-52 BUILT FOR COMFORT 13 (P Hammond) R Hannon 3-8-4 Pat Eddery 9
511 (3) 2133-82 DOUCE MAISON 9 (CD,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-8-3 D Harrison 8
512 (5) 040-000 ACROSS THE BAY 19J (B,C,D,F,G,S) (M Marlow) R Emery 8-8-3 Paul Eddery 9
513 (4) 008-00 THATCHMASTER 6 (Mrs G Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-0 T Williams 8
514 (12) 500060 SCOTTISH PARK 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Clearthorn Ltd) R Emery 6-7-7 G Bardwell 9

Long handicap: Scottish Park 7-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Whatever's Right, 6-1 Piquant, 7-1 Ballynakelly, Narbonne, 8-1 Douce Maison, 10-1 Built For Comfort, Another Fiddle, 12-1 others.

1994: SCOTTISH PARK 5-8-3 Tyrone Williams (9-1) R Emery 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN'S DAY 17l 7th of 8 to Shahid in handicap at Lingfield (7f, firm). PIQUANT about 2l 5th to Greenwich Again in conditions race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). ANOTHER FIDDLE 13l 8th to Mr Rough in handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm) with WHATEVER'S RIGHT (11lb worse off) 24l 14th. BALLYNAKELLY (later awarded race) short-head 2nd to Penart in claiming maiden at Dundalk (1m, yielding). WHATEVER'S RIGHT beat Indian Serenade 2¾l in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). NARBONNE 5l 3rd to Blockade in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). BUILT FOR COMFORT 9l 2nd of 4 to Okavango in maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). DOUCE MAISON ½l 2nd to Super High in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m).
Selection: BALLYNAKELLY

4.45 BUSTER HASLAM AND PADDY MORRISSEY CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,850: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

601 (9) 56500-0 TRADE WIND 28 (B,D,F) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-10-0 A Procter (5) 9
602 (7) 0/036- IRKUTSK 7J (BF) (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 4-9-8 M J Kinane 9
603 (4) 24530-0 POSITIVO 28 (G) (Countess of Lonsdale) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7 L Dettori 9
604 (6) 0000-45 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 16 (G) (Mrs D Bracey) A Jarvis 5-9-6 B Thomson 74
605 (1) 0 HEAD FOR HEAVEN 23 (Naim - O'Connell Racing) R Hoad 5-9-1 R Price –
606 (8) 013044 KIMBERLEY BOY 5 (F,S) (Consultco Ltd) M Brittain 5-9-1 R Cochrane 92
607 (2) 00460-0 SORISKY 23 (B) (Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 3-8-3 N Carlisle 8
608 (5) 020-065 EMBEZZLER 8 (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 3-8-1 Paul Eddery 9
609 (3) 3000-30 LAST LAUGH 32 (F) (Sl J O'Connell) R Hannon 3-8-0 G Carter 8

BETTING: 7-2 Positivo, 4-1 Embezzler, 9-2 Chairmans Choice, Kimberley Boy, 5-1 Irkutsk, 7-1 others.

1994: ON AIR 6-9-6 B Rouse (20-1) N Gaselee 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRADE WIND 8¾l 8th to Roisin Clover in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good). IRKUTSK neck and 1¾l 3rd to Aitawz Alwasheek in maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. POSITIVO 13l 7th to Daytona Beach in apprentices handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good). KIMBERLEY BOY 8l 4th to Elementary in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). SORISKY 16l 9th of 16 to Fujiyama Crest in handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good). EMBEZZLER about 2¾l 6th of 13 to Toshiba Talk in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: IRKUTSK

5.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BOXGROVE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,386: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (6) DASHING BLUE (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori –
2 (2) GET TOUGH (Gravy Boys Racing) S Dow 9-0 Stephen Davies –
3 (1) GOODWOOD ROCKET (Goodwood RO Group Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 M Hills –
4 (4) NO CLICHES (M Wan) G Lewis 9-0 S Whitworth –
5 (8) SEA DANE (Carat Gold Connections) P Harris 9-0 M J Kinane –
6 (5) SEVEN CROWNS (M Al-Shuaibi) T Mills 9-0 Pat Eddery –
7 (3) SHAHA (S Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 W R Swinburn –
8 (7) CHALAMONT (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 J Reid –

BETTING: 7-4 Chalamont, 5-1 Goodwood Rocket, Dashing Blue, 6-1 Seven Crowns, Shaha, 7-1 others.

1994: SHANDINE 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) R Charlton 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DASHING BLUE (foaled May 5). By Dashing Blade: dam, 5l winner at two and three years. GOODWOOD ROCKET (Mar 28, cost 21,000gns). Second foal by Midyan, dam, half-sister to useful sprinter Governor General. NO CLICHES (Apr 12, 39,000gns). By Risk Me: dam, awarded listed Pretty Polly Stakes over 1m 2f at three years. SEA DANE (Feb 14, 6,000gns). By Danehill: dam, half-sister to top-class middle-distance colt Petoski, won twice as juvenile over 5f/7f. SEVEN CROWNS (Jan 23). First foal by Chief's Crown: dam smart multiple winner in North America, runner-up in Canadian Oaks. SHAHA (Apr 8, 90,000gns). Brother by Polish Precedent to Precede, useful 6f/1m 2f winner at two and three; dam of little account. CHALAMONT (Apr 11). Half-sister by Kris to several winners, notably the useful Gildoran, dual Ascot Gold Cup winner; dam won Group I Cheveley Park Stakes and Group III Fred Darling Stakes.
No selection

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
6.15 Risalah. 6.45 La Belle Shyanne. 7.15 Sharp Imp. 7.45 Superluminal. 8.15 Grand Time. 8.45 Storm Bid.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.45 TYKEYVOR.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 Fairy Wind. 8.45 Storm Bid.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.15 WHITEPARISH MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,646: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (1) 30 CORNICHE QUEST 11 M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 93
2 (4) 63 HONORABLE ESTATE 13 R Hannon 8-11 R Perham 99
3 (8) 5 LIKE A HAWK 13 (BF) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 96
4 (6) MADAM MARASH A Foster 8-11 G Hind –
5 (5) MRS NEVERMIND G L Moore 8-11 B Rouse –
6 (11) PETROS PRIDE M Bolton 8-11 C Rutter –
7 (9) RISALAH J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson –
8 (7) RIVIERE ROUGE S Knight 8-11 W Newnes –
9 (3) SECRET PLEASURE R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (7) –
10 (2) 00 SOUND CHECK 26 B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle 83
11 (10) WILLOW DALE D Elsworth 8-11 J Williams –

5-2 Risalah, 4-1 Secret Pleasure, 9-2 Honorable Estate, 5-1 others.

6.45 SHERBORNE CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£3,344: 1m 4f) (20)

1 (16) 043- SAAFI 42J R Baker 4-9-13 W Newnes 88
2 (9) 1220 STEVIE'S WONDER 25 (D,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-10 G Carter 97
3 (4) 013- ELA MAN HOWA 158 (F,G) R Akehurst 4-9-8 T Quinn 94
4 (7) 0/4 MARCHMAN 22 (CD,F) J King 10-9-3 Paul Eddery 91
5 (15) 040- PERSIAN SMOKE 208 A Hide 4-8-12 M Henry (7) 91
6 (3) 30-4 ROCQUAINE BAY 20 (CD,F) M Bolton 8-8-12 A McGlone 91
7 (19) 4102 ROYAL CIRCUS 68J (D,F,G) J O'Shea 6-8-10 B Doyle 88
8 (6) 00-8 CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 29 (S) R Akehurst 4-8-9 R Hughes 99
9 (14) 1-00 ANNA BANNANNA 16 (F) M Pipe 3-8-9 J Tate (3) 90
10 (3) 4-00 PEVERIL PRINCESS 6 G Balding 4-8-8 J Williams 82
11 (18) 046 ROADSWEEPER 37 (B) K C-Brown 3-8-5 A Clark –
12 (17) 0008 LA BELLE SHYANNE 22 C Hill 4-8-5 N Carlisle 93
13 (10) 6640 LADY REEMA 16 Miss A Whitfield 4-8-4 D Harrison 90
14 (1) 0000 IL FRATELLO 28 N Callaghan 4-8-3 G Duffield –
15 (8) 0540 STAR FIGHTER 13 (G) W O'Gorman 3-8-3 G Hind 91
16 (20) 000- MARAADY 81J G Enright 6-8-0 D Wright (3) 83
17 (17) -400 MINT A MILLION 25 M Blanshard 4-7-13 M Baird (5) 98
18 (5) 060- FOREMMA 272 P Hedger 4-7-12 C Avery –
19 (13) -000 DON'T MEAN A THING 50 R Hannon 3-7-12 G Bardwell 90
20 (12) 06-6 ROYAL RABBIT 60 G L Moore 3-7-12 A Whelan (5) 83

7-1 Royal Circus, 8-1 Ela Man Howa, Captain Starlight, 12-1 others.

7.15 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £3,184: 6f 212yd) (16)

1 (10) 1230 SPENCER'S REVENGE 12 (B,D,G) Lord Huntingdon 6-12-0 J Durkan 99
2 (4) 0-00 CHILI HEIGHTS 6 (V,D,G,S) G Balding 5-11-11 A Balding (4) 85
3 (6) 2222 MONTONE 12 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 5-11-11 M Mannish (4) 98
4 (5) 8-04 BLOWING ACCOUNT 18J J Mullins 4-11-6 E Bailey –
5 (16) 4000 DOODIES POOL 23 (G) G L Moore 5-11-3 K Goble (4) 93
6 (3) -201 AHJAY 6 (CD,F,G) D Wilson 5-10-13 (5ex) T Cuff 94
7 (1) 60-6 CADDY'S FIRST 9 S Mellor 3-10-9 P Pritchard-Gordon 85
8 (2) 0040 SHAYNES DOMAIN 2 (B,D,G) R Flower 4-10-9 T McCarthy 95
9 (9) 40-0 GOODY FOUR SHOES 27 (F,S) A Newcombe 7-10-7 M Rimell 95
10 (12) 000- SKY DIVER 148 B Llewellyn 4-10-6 J L Llewellyn –
11 (15) 4406 SCISSOR RIDGE 47 (B,D,G) J Bridger 3-10-4 P Phillips (4) 97
12 (13) 2-23 SHARP IMP 120 (D,F) R Flower 5-10-2 J O'Brien (4) 98
13 (14) 460- JEWEL THIEF 214J G Balding 5-10-0 R Johnson 93
14 (11) 3600 PAIR OF JACKS 13 (G) D Wilson 5-9-13 V Lukaniuk (4) 98
15 (8) 00/0 BITE THE BULLET 56J A Chamberlain 4-9-9 Y Mahmet (4) –
16 (7) 0000 PAT POINDESTRES 30 (G) B Pearce 5-9-7 R Blyth (4) 81

4-1 Ahjay, 7-1 Montone, 8-1 Chili Heights, Spencer's Revenge, 10-1 others.

7.45 WINCHESTER CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,633: 1m 1f 209yd) (6)

1 (3) 2-24 SUPERLUMINAL 17 (D,S) G Rimmer 4-9-3 M Rimmer 95
2 (1) -363 GINGER JIM 5J (V) P Hedger 4-8-11 C Avery 73
3 (6) 0 GREAT EXPECTATIONS 28 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-11 A Clark –
4 (4) -000 RISING SPRAY 5 C Horgan 4-8-11 Paul Eddery 90
5 (2) 3-60 RUSHAWAY 25 R Hannon 4-8-11 R Perham 90
6 (5) 00-5 TYKEYVOR 23 (F) Lady Herries 5-8-11 G Duffield 99

9-4 Superluminal, 3-1 Rushaway, 7-2 Tykeyvor, 6-1 Ginger Jim, Rising Spray, 10-1 Great Expectations.

8.15 ROMSEY HANDICAP (£3,392: 5f) (13)

1 (4) 6-00 PATSY GRIMES 28 (CD,G,S) L Holt 5-9-10 A McGlone 85
2 (13) 0513 HALLIARD 30 (D,G) T Jones 4-9-8 R Perham 97
3 (2) 5014 FAIRY WIND 14 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-9-8 L Dettori 98
4 (7) 601- ADMIRALS REALM 132J (D,F) A Newcombe 6-9-5 D Griffiths (5) 91
5 (12) 00-4 BILLY CRUNCHEON 48 (S) M Pipe 4-9-3 T Quinn 99
6 (10) 0-00 THE NOBLE OAK 13 (D,F,G) M Bolton 7-9-0 J Reid 91
7 (1) 02-0 PERFECT BRAVE 20 D Elsworth 4-9-0 J Williams 90
8 (6) 30/ JESS REBEC 811 (D,F) D French Davis 7-8-11 N Adams –
9 (8) 05-8 ASHKERNAZY 22 (D,F) N Berry 4-8-9 J D Smith (5) 92
10 (11) 6266 GRAND TIME 2 (B,D,F,G,S) C Hill 6-7-10 N Carlisle 95
11 (3) 3600 BLACK SHADOW 13 (B) P McBride 3-7-8 G Bardwell 98
12 (5) 0000 LOGIE PERT LAD 17 J Bridger 3-7-7 Ionie Wands (7) –
13 (9) 00-0 GREEN APACHE 23 T Naughton 3-7-7 R Street –

9-2 Halliard, 5-1 Fairy Wind, Ashkernazy, 6-1 Admirals Realm, Perfect Brave, 7-1 Billy Cruncheon, 8-1 Patsy Grimes, 10-1 others.

8.45 LANDFORD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,078: 6f 212yd) (13)

1 (1) 606- ACTION JACKSON 216 G Rimmer 9-0 M Rimmer 82
2 (6) 0 CHINESE VIKING 11 G L Moore 9-0 B Rouse 81
3 (11) 0 EARLY PEACE 5 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 81
4 (7) 43- EUROLINK THE REBEL 223 (BF) R Akehurst 9-0 S Sanders (3) 80
5 (5) 0-3 GODMERSHAM PARK 37 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 J Reid 90
6 (4) 00- HEVER GOLF STAR 222 T Naughton 9-0 G Carter –
7 (13) SOVEREIGNS PARADE L Holt 9-0 A McGlone –
8 (10) 2 STORM BID 28 E Dunlop 9-0 J Tate (3) 99
9 (8) 0-0 BELLA COOLA 17 C Horgan 8-9 A Clark –
10 (2) 0 HAZEL 20 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 Stephen Davies 83
11 (3) 0- RAINBOW TIARA 235 M Stoute 8-9 Paul Eddery –
12 (12) 0 SHE SAID NO 29 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison –
13 (9) 24- TRIPLE TRICKS 222 W Haggas 8-9 L Dettori 98

4-1 Godmersham Park, 9-2 Storm Bid, 5-1 Triple Tricks, 7-1 Rainbow Tiara, Eurolink The Rebel, 8-1 Early Peace, 12-1 Action Jackson, 16-1 others.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
6.30 Larghetto. 7.00 Gorinsky. 7.30 Arasong. 8.00 Kemo Sabo. 8.30 Drummer Hicks. 9.00 STOPROVERITATE (nap).

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 CAMPERDOWN MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,298: 5f) (6 runners)

1 CREATIVE ACCOUNT Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 4
2 2 LARGHETTO 14 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 1
3 52 WELSH MOUNTAIN 12 (BF) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 K Darley 6
4 ALFAYZA J Bethell 8-9 T Ives 5
5 MASK FLOWER M Johnston 8-9 D Holland 2
6 - ROYAL CEILIDH Denys Smith 8-9 J Fortune 3

9-4 Larghetto, 11-4 Welsh Mountain, 7-2 Mask Flower, 5-1 Creative Account, 8-1 Alfayza, 10-1 Royal Ceilidh.

7.00 BURRADON SELLING STAKES
(£2,802: 5f) (12)

1 2484 SIGAMA 18 (CD,F,G) D Nicholls 9-9-11 Alex Greaves 9
2 0-00 BARBEZIEUX 5 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 8-9-6 V Halliday (5) 1
3 365- FIRST OPTION 194 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 5-9-6 H Bastiman (5) 5
4 12-3 FLASHY'S SON 9 (F,G) G Moore 7-9-6 M Tebbutt 7
5 3-30 GORINSKY 7 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-6 J Carroll 11
6 3430 SENSE OF PRIORITY 9 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 6-9-6 K Darley 2
7 4608 SO INTREPID 20 (S) J Bradley 5-9-6 S Drowne (5) 10
8 00-0 THE RIGHT TIME 16 (D,F,G,S) J Parkes 10-9-6 M Deering 12
9 00- CINDERS PET 380 M Ellerby 4-9-1 S Morris 8
10 240- CHINA HAND 223 M Wane 3-8-11 K Fallon 6
11 -600 ROBATY'S LAW 4 (B) P Monteith 3-8-11 J Williams 3
12 4-40 ANNIE FAY 16 (D,F) J L Harris 3-8-6 D Holland 4

7-4 Gorinsky, 9-2 Sigama, So Intrepid, 5-1 Flashy's Son, 7-1 First Option, 8-1 China Hand, 10-1 Sense Of Priority, 12-1 others.

7.30 BRUNSWICK HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,843: 6f) (12)

1 16- RIVER GARNOCK 300 (D,F) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 6
2 4-13 PELLEMAN 19 (D,F) R Boss 9-3 K Darley 1
3 50-4 QUILLING 9 M Dods 9-2 S Webster 4
4 -180 FATA 15 (V,D,F) P Walwyn 9-2 D Holland 3
5 5-20 ARASONG 25 (F) E Weymes 8-13 Dean McKeown 10
6 2-65 RASAS 15 (BF) H Thomson Jones 8-13 R Hills 7
7 10-0 FLAMBORO 15 (C,D,G,S) J Bethell 8-4 N Connorton 11
8 -050 RYMER'S RASCAL 4 (D,S) E Alston 8-3 K Fallon 8
9 85-1 BOLLIN HARRY 18 (CD,G) M H Easterby 8-3 J Quinn 2
10 560- TEDBURROW 267 (F) Mrs A Naughton 8-3 A Culhane 12
11 40-0 QUALITAIR PRIDE 32 J Bottomley 8-1 L Charnock 9
12 61-6 RAMBORETTE 16 (V,F) Denys Smith 7-10 J Fanning 5

3-1 Pelleman, 7-2 Rasas, 5-1 River Garnock, Bollin Harry, 10-1 Fata, Tedburrow, 12-1 Quilling, 16-1 others.

8.00 DINNINGTON HANDICAP
(£3,775: 1m) (16)

1 2-65 RASMI 29 (BF) A Stewart 4-9-10 R Hills 2
2 0630 CEE-JAY-AY 13 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 8-9-8 J Carroll 3
3 00-0 SOMERTON BOY 29 (F,G) P Calver 5-9-5 M Birch 12
4 2361 EQUERRY 11 (D,F) M Johnston 4-9-5 K Darley 13
5 0002 KEMO SABO 11 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-3 K Fallon 4
6 4566 SOOTY TERN 13 (C,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-9-2 S Drowne (5) 10
7 0003 CALDER KING 12 (B,D,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-0 N Varley (5) 6
8 0013 TOVARICH 9 (B,D,BF,G) D Nicholls 4-8-13 Alex Greaves 15
9 000- COUREUR 221 (CD,F,G) J Bethell 6-8-9 T Ives 7
10 -040 THE HAPPY LOON 15 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 4-8-9 J Quinn 11
11 2002 MY HANDY MAN 19 R Allan 4-8-9 S Maloney 8
12 0041 TOLLS CHOICE 9 (D,F,S) M W Easterby 6-8-9 (6ex) L Charnock 5
13 0-00 MAURANGI 12 (D,F,S) B Murray 4-8-7 J Fortune 9
14 -044 NOBBY BARNES 9 (D,F,G) E Incisa 6-7-12 Kim Tinkler 16
15 -003 CAFE SOLO 9 (S) N Bycroft 4-7-9 A Mackay 14
16 40-5 MARY MACBLAIN 12 (CD,F) J L Harris 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (3) 1

4-1 Equerry, 11-2 Sooty Tern, 6-1 Kemo Sabo, 7-1 Tolls Choice, 8-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 10-1 Cafe Solo, My Handy Man, 14-1 others

8.30 DUDLEY LIMITED STAKES
(£2,764: 1m 1f 9yd) (11)

1 03-0 COLORFUL AMBITION 15 (D,G) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-7 N Connorton 9
2 5-02 DRUMMER HICKS 14 (C,D,F,G,S) E Weymes 6-9-7 Dean McKeown 11
3 -005 INDEFENCE 6 (C,F,G) M Channon 4-9-7 J Carroll 5
4 0050 KING OF SHOW 20 R Allan 4-9-7 C Dwyer 1
5 -005 BALLARD RING 9 (F) J Wainwright 4-9-2 J Fortune 2
6 21-6 DALU 16 (F) M Camacho 4-9-2 L Charnock 4
7 0850 PRINCESS MAXINE 26 (F,G,S) J J O'Neill 6-9-2 G Parkin (7) 8
8 0311 GOSPEL SONG 4 (B,D,F) W Kemp 3-8-11 K Darley 10
9 -001 VOILA PREMIERE 19 (V,F) M Tompkins 3-8-9 P Robinson 7
10 -500 IT'S ACADEMIC 16 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-2 R Hills 6
11 000- MAGNUMS SECRET 238 J Eyre 3-8-2 R Lappin 3

7-2 Gospel Song, 4-1 Indefence, 9-2 Voila Premiere, 6-1 Ballard Ring, 7-1 Colorful Ambition, 8-1 Princess Maxine, 10-1 others.

9.00 SEATON BURN FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,196: 1m 4f 93yd) (11)

1 51-1 WONDERFUL DAY 27 (F) S Williams 4-9-11 K Darley 9
2 0-00 MICROLITE 17 (B,D,F) M Hammond 4-9-9 J Carroll 2
3 4-00 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 14 (G) W Storey 4-8-10 J Fanning 6
4 -102 MERRY MERMAID 12 (D,S) J Bottomley 5-8-6 A Culhane 11
5 -336 SOBA UP 11 (B,S) T Etherington 5-8-5 DOUBTFUL 5
6 0-51 MOONLIGHT CALYPSO 19 (F) E Alston 4-8-3 K Fallon 10
7 80-0 GOODBYE MILLIE 13 (B,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-8-1 R Lappin 8
8 5-00 STOPROVERITATE 28J (C,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-11 J Quinn 7
9 6-03 BARDIA 14 (F) E Incisa 5-7-7 Kim Tinkler 3
10 05-0 ELLASTYLE 12 Miss L Siddall 4-7-7 A Mackay 1
11 0-00 GRANNY'S LEGACY 20 J Bethell 3-7-7 N Varley (5) 4

7-2 Wonderful Day, 4-1 Merry Mermaid, 5-1 Bardia, 11-2 Moonlight Calypso, 6-1 Microlite, 7-1 Sunday News'n'echo, 10-1 others.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.25 Backgammon. 2.55 Steve Ford. 3.25 Ardcroney Chief. 3.55 Kasayid. 4.25 Muskora. 5.00 Best Of Friends. 5.30 Tristram's Image.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 EARLS CROOME JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,233: 2m) (7 runners)

1 1052 KARLINE KA 11 (B,D,S) R Dickin 11-2 D Meredith
2 58 BACKGAMMON 27 J Old 11-0 T Grantham
3 0820 CLASSIC PAL 18 N Mitchell 11-0 D Skyrme
4 055 DUBAI FALCON 11 R Dickin 11-0 R Bellamy
5 4P LORD WELLINGTON 13F J Jenkins 11-0 J Osborne
6 000 RAKNAGAR 12 Miss J Doyle 11-0 S Curran (3)
7 0P SMOOTH HOUND 149 M Pipe 11-0 R Dunwoody

1-3 Backgammon, 9-2 Karline Ka, 12-1 Lord Wellington, 14-1 Smooth Hound, 16-1 Classic Pal, 20-1 Dubai Falcon, 33-1 Raknagar.

2.55 RYALL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,530: 2m) (12)

1 1304 ILEWIN 28 (V,D,F,G,S) M Ahern 8-11-10 M Ahern
2 0351 STEVE FORD 11 (CD,G) C Nash 8-11-6 J R Kavanagh
3 0023 ATHERTON GREEN 13 (D,BF,F,G) J Glover 5-11-5 G McCourt
4 304F CHAIN SHOT 228 (F,G) J Peacock 10-11-3 R Bellamy
5 2521 SALINGER 22F (D,G) J Panes 7-11-2 R McCarthy (7)
6 22P0 SOLEIL DANCER 126 (D,S) D Grissell 7-11-1 Peter Hobbs
7 44-3 MISS EQUILIA 8 (D,F,G,S) Mrs L Murphy 9-11-0 D Bohan (7)
8 4650 EASTERN PLEASURE 50 (G) W Clay 8-10-12 R Farrant
9 1054 WAMDHA 11 (D,G,S) K Morgan 5-10-11 A S Smith
10 0014 BARNEY'S GIFT 11 (D,F,S) D Brennan 7-10-8 M Brennan
11 3410 ALICE'S MIRROR 39 (B,D,G,S) T McGovern 6-10-8 D Bridgwater
12 P004 ON THE SAUCE 64 (F,G,S) B Shaw 8-10-0 A P McCoy

3-1 Wamdha, 4-1 Barney's Gift, 5-1 Salinger, 6-1 Steve Ford, 8-1 Alice's Mirror, Ilewin, 10-1 Atherton Green, 14-1 others.

3.25 BREWERY TRADERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,648: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 14P6 BELSTONE FOX 33 (G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-0 W Marston
2 6044 KINGS FOUNTAIN 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 12-11-9 A Thornton
3 000P MIDFIELDER 183 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 9-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 5P4F KIND'A SMART 25 (F,G,S) K Morgan 10-10-7 A S Smith
5 5P01 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 149 (D,G,S) D Gandolfo 9-10-2 G Upton

2-1 Ardcroney Chief, 11-4 Belstone Fox, 3-1 Kind'a Smart, 5-1 Midfielder, 6-1 Kings Fountain.

3.55 RIPPLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,390: 2m 4f) (11)

1 3031 JATHIB 56 (C,G) D Nicholson 4-11-10 W Marston
2 P032 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 12 (BF,G) G Balding 5-11-7 A P McCoy
3 6P60 EL GRANDO 11 (S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
4 F402 MOOBAKKR 25 (G) K Morgan 4-11-3 A S Smith
5 23P3 KASAYID 4 R Dickin 8-10-13 D Meredith
6 F-PP MERCHANT HOUSE 9F G Fierro 7-10-9 Gary Lyons
7 2500 EARLY TO RISE 14 Miss L Siddall 5-10-5 A Thornton
8 004 RUSTAVI 15 R Curtis 4-10-1 D Morris
9 00P0 FEVER PITCH 22 R Frost 5-10-0 J Osborne
10 500- MALLYAN 541 P Pritchard 8-10-0 R Davis
11 P-P0 BRIGHTON BREEZY 27 J Poulton 5-10-0 G Crone (7)

7-4 Jathib, 7-2 Moobakkr, 9-2 Conti D'Estruval, 6-1 Kasayid, 8-1 El Grando, 14-1 Rustavi, 16-1 others.

4.25 HANDLEY CASTLE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,952: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 1133 MUSKORA 18 (B,C,F,G) P Hobbs 6-11-8 R Dunwoody
2 2P-4 DECIDING BID 32 (F,G) J Poulton 8-11-1 R Rowell
3 P-P5 DOCTOR BRIGGS 19 R Price 6-11-1 G Hogan (5)
4 1205 ERLEMO 37 (V,S) W Clay 6-11-1 R Farrant
5 0044 GONE BY 7 (F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-1 C O'Dwyer
6 P123 MR GENEALOGY 9 (B,F,G,S) F Murphy 5-11-1 Sophie Mitchell (5)
7 PP26 WOMAN OF THE ROAD 25P (G) G Ham 9-10-10 G Llewellyn

Evens Muskora, 9-2 Gone By, 5-1 Mr Genealogy, 7-1 Erlemo, 8-1 Deciding Bid, 10-1 Doctor Briggs, 20-1 Woman Of The Road.

5.00 SHRAWLEY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div I: £1,772: 2m) (18)

1 ABARI Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 R Greene
2 0 BEST OF FRIENDS 210 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 J Osborne
3 BROOMHILL DUKER J Hellens 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
4 CHAI-YO J Old 5-11-0 T Grantham
5 05 DIRTY DANCER 16 M Madgwick 5-11-0 D Morris
6 FREELINE LUSTRE N Henderson 5-11-0 Mr C Vigors (7)
7 HOLDIMCLOSE R Frost 5-11-0 J Frost
8 00 ILEWIN GERRY 175 M Ahern 5-11-0 M Ahern
9 PEGASUS (V) A Jones 5-11-0 S McNeill
10 BARTON WARD D Nicholson 4-10-9 R Massey (5)
11 05 BETTER WIND 18 C Price 6-10-9 G Hogan (5)
12 CAREYSVILLE J Edwards 4-10-9 Mr M Daly (7)
13 4 SLEAZEY 11 J J O'Neill 4-10-9 S Curran (3)
14 TAKE COVER M Tompkins 4-10-9 W Lynch (7)
15 TOFTY'S TUNE Miss S Wilton 4-10-9 T Eley (3)
16 TUSCAN BUTTERFLY M Fetherston-Godley 5-10-9 D Bridgwater
17 0 WINTER ROSE 18 C Smith 4-10-9 Mr P Hanly (7)
18 3 ZHU JIANG 28 D Hyde 4-10-9 D Leahy (3)

5-2 Freeline Lustre, 7-2 Chai-Yo, 5-1 Careysville, 7-1 Take Cover, 10-1 Best Of Friends, Aban, 12-1 others.

5.30 SHRAWLEY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div II: £1,758: 2m) (17)

1 DOCS BOY D Sherwood 5-11-0 J A McCarthy
2 0 FALSE CREEK 96 G Harwood 5-11-0 M Perrett
3 0-03 FREQUENT VISION 18 T Tate 5-11-0 R Garritty
4 MASTER BUCKLEY F Hollis 5-11-0 D Salter (5)
5 0 SEVEN BROOKS 60 G Balding 5-11-0 S Fox (5)
6 PP- WALLY'S DREAM 414P A James 5-11-0 W Marston
7 ATTAN J Moore 5-10-9 W McFarland
8 5 BALLYSOKERRY 12 J Parkes 4-10-9 A Thornton
9 0 BARONBURN 37 P Evans 5-10-9 F Leahy (3)
10 00 FLYING FREDDIE 12 G Oldroyd 4-10-9 P Midgley (3)
11 HILDENS MEMORY J Long 5-10-9 Leesa Long
12 KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCOT Miss H Knight 4-10-9 J Osborne
13 NATIONAL CASE R Price 5-10-9 Mr E Williams (7)
14 0 PRAXITILES 74 T Forster 4-10-9 S Wynne
15 ROWINGTON D Nicholson 4-10-9 R Massey (5)
16 TRISTRAM'S IMAGE N Henderson 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
17 MEADOW DANCER Miss S Wilton 4-10-4 N Wilmington (7)

9-4 Docs Boy, 5-2 Tristram's Image, 4-1 Rowington, 6-1 False Creek, 8-1 Knightsbridge Scot, 12-1 Frequent Vision, Seven Brooks, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

GOODWOOD: Trainers: Mrs J Cecil, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; M Stoute, 17 from 79, 21.5%; J Gosden, 22 from 104, 21.2%; I Balding, 22 from 115, 19.1%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 44, 18.2%; L Cumani, 10 from 56, 17.9%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 35 winners from 176 rides, 19.9%; J Reid, 34 from 195, 17.4%; M Hills, 16 from 102, 15.7%; R Cochrane, 23 from 157, 14.6%; L Dettori, 22 from 153, 14.4%; W Carson, 30 from 218, 13.8%.

NEWCASTLE: Trainers: Miss L Siddall, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 16, 25.0%; E Alston, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Camacho, 5 from 28, 17.9%; J Berry, 23 from 129, 17.8%; J Bethell, 4 from 24, 16.7%. Jockeys: R Hills, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25.0%; J Carroll, 22 from 128, 17.2%; K Darley, 26 from 169, 15.4%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 20, 15.0%; Dean McKeown, 12 from 99, 12.1%.

SALISBURY: Trainers: M Stoute, 7 winners from 26 runners, 26.9%; D Wilson, 10 from 54, 18.5%; P Cole, 12 from 78, 15.4%; R Hannon, 44 from 290, 15.2%; Lady Herries, 5 from 35, 14.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 58, 13.8%. Jockeys: Dane O'Neill, 5 winners from 12 rides, 41.7%; G Carter, 9 from 55, 16.4%; L Dettori, 17 from 107, 15.9%; J Reid, 22 from 148, 14.9%; W Carson, 17 from 136, 12.5%; R Hughes, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

WORCESTER: Trainers: G Harwood, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; Miss H Knight, 14 from 44, 31.8%; O Sherwood, 22 from 71, 31.0%; M Pipe, 42 from 147, 28.6%; P Hobbs, 29 from 124, 23.4%; K Bailey, 16 from 88, 18.2%. Jockeys: J Osborne, 30 winners from 124 rides, 24.2%; A Thornton, 3 from 18, 16.7%; S Curran, 4 from 26, 16.0%; R Dunwoody, 37 from 235, 15.7%; G McCourt, 16 from 102, 14.7%; J A McCarthy, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

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GOODWOOD: 2.40 My Best Valentine. 3.40 Flight Lieutenant. NEWCASTLE: 7.00 Robaty's Law. 7.30 Ramborette. 8.00 Tovarich. 8.30 Voila Premiere. 9.00 Soba Up. SALISBURY: 6.45 Roadsweeper. 7.15 Scissor Ridge. 8.15 Black Shadow. WORCESTER: 2.25 Karline Ka. 5.00 Pegasus.

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Warrior Mansell denied champion's finale



Oliver Holt on the end of the road for the driver who took Formula One to new heights of popularity

It should have ended in Adelaide last November when Nigel Mansell swept past the stricken cars of Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher and crowned his return to Formula One with a victory in the Australian Grand Prix which assured his Williams team of its fourth constructors' championship in succession. That would have been a fitting finale.

Instead, his career appears to have finished on a dud note in Barcelona ten days ago, parking an uncompetitive McLaren-Mercedes in its garage in disgust after an unedifying battle for twelfth place with the Tyrrell of Ukyo Katayama. "In this business, you are only as good as your last race," Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's impresario, said yesterday, and Mansell will surely shrink from the memory of that Spanish Grand Prix.

Four years earlier, he had provided the world with one of sport's defining moments at the same track, duelling wheel to wheel with the McLaren of Ayrton Senna as they sped down the straight. As they approached the corner at the end still neck and neck, the spectators held their breath wondering who would yield. It was Senna.

That was part of the attraction of Mansell, the perception that he would never give in, that he possessed determination bordering on madness and that his rivals, though they may have been more skilful and calculating, respected this. He had his detractors, but Mansell took Formula One to new levels of popularity in England and around the world.

He has always been labelled a whinger, and some disliked him for his insistence on stressing his own talents rather than the merits of the cars he was driving. But he got the job done. His career seemed to be one long battle against the odds, one long struggle to be respected by a glamorous, aristocratic sport which distrusted his working-class background and his Midlands accent.

His early career is littered with stories of broken bones in accidents, of being given the last rites, of re-mortgaging his modest house to pay for a drive. In his first Formula One race, for Lotus in the 1980 Austrian Grand Prix, he drove much of the race being slowly burned on his back by leaking petrol.

It was 73 races before he won a Grand Prix, at Brands Hatch in 1985, and that opened the floodgates. The following year, he came within an ace of the world title, denied only when a rear tyre burst on his Williams-Honda at 190mph, and forced him out of the last race of the season in Australia.

He was runner-up twice more and retired once before he finally crushed the opposition in his Williams-Renault in 1992 to take the title in a wave of Mansell-mania and track invasions at Silverstone. Even then, though, the triumph was tarnished by melodrama when he announced midway through the season that he was leaving the team because it had signed Alain Prost for the following year.

By now, the days when he would pin rivals like Senna up against a wall by their throats when he was angry with them had gone, and he mellowed in his two years in IndyCars. But he did not lose the ability to grab the headlines. In the Indianapolis 500 last year, he was put out of the race when a back marker's car slewed across the track and landed on top of him. Mansell leapt out of the car and rolled on the ground with a marshal. It was pure theatrics.

The Formula One comeback at the end of last year should have been his swan song. But, for some, retirement is hard to embrace.

RADIO CHOICE

Hooked on a life of crime

Yardie Gal. *Radio 5, 2.35pm.*

Dennis was a black gang leader whose charm and charisma quickly appealed to Louise, a 20-year-old prostitute, who tells her story in the channel's crime season, *Laying Down the Law*. She was soon earning so much money for him that he had no need to go out and rob. "I suppose I was an easy ticket — I saved him from prison," says Louise. The down side to their relationship was that she was beaten up so much she lost count. After one attack she looked like the Elephant Man. Desperate, she went to the police but they took no action. How she escaped the reign of terror was a superb piece of bluff. Hers was an addictive lifestyle, we are told, so it would have been interesting to know how she got into it.

Forging a Nation. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Germany's remarkable rise from the ashes of the Second World War back to recovery in just a decade is described crisply in a documentary that takes us from the re-education in England of managers and bureaucrats to the laying by Adenauer of a wreath to an unknown American soldier in the American national cemetery at Arlington a few short years later. It was the Marshall Plan that provided the building blocks at a time when fag-ends were worth more than pfennigs. How the West Berliners were fed, clothed and watered during the Berlin airlift is described through eyewitness accounts by correspondents and survivors.

Kenneth Gosling

England are one-day favourites

West Indies faced with unfamiliar burden of anxiety

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HOW quickly roles can be reversed: and how time can cloud the memory. Think back a mere three months, to the angst-ridden end of England's winter in Australia, and it will seem inconceivable that, yesterday, on the eve of a new international summer, those cricketers who spoke with concern and apprehension, those who admitted that they needed a boost, were not Englishmen but West Indians.

It is not as silly as it sounds, for human nature dictates that it will always be recent events that dominate the psyche. England were not the last team to be beaten by Australia; West Indies were. Because, for them, the loss was more shocking, it is their unaccustomed lot to have to prove their manhood again.

The beneficiary of this situation is the Texaco Trophy, which begins today at Trent Bridge. West Indies sides of modern times have disdained the one-day internationals on an England tour, either because they regarded them as a triviality or because they assumed that they would win anyway.

This side knows that it would be ill-advised to proceed on either premise. Hence, the stated determination of Richie Richardson, the captain, to raise spirits and confidence during what he described as "a very important week". Michael Atherton, the England captain, meanwhile, said that he was "unconcerned" about the West Indies. "If we play to our ability, I believe we can win," he said.

Past and present form conspire to complicate the task of Richardson's men. Remarkably, they have won none of their past six one-day internationals in this country, losing both the 1988 and 1991 series 3-0. Since they arrived here, their cricket has been disjointed and distracted. Key men are short of confidence, some so flat that their futures are being openly questioned.

All of this is contributing to an artificial upturn in the perception of the England team. There is no logical reason for supposing that the sometimes shambolic also-rans of a few months ago have undergone an identity change, yet the growing belief is that they can win this summer — not only over the sprints this week but also the marathon Test series to follow.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (probable): M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, M R Ramprakash, N H Fairbrother, D G Cork, D Gough, P A J DeFreitas, S D Udal, A R C Fraser

WEST INDIES (probable): C L Hooper, S L Campbell, B C Lara, R B Richardson (captain), J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and N T Plews

The bookmakers have England as 8-11 favourites to win the three-match Texaco series. Such faith is flimsily-based, judged on England's failure to reach the winter World Series Cup finals and West Indies' subsequent 4-1 destruction of Australia in the Caribbean. Yet it was not difficult to share yesterday, as England practised with an unmistakeable air of purpose starkly at odds with the West Indies' anxiety.

This was the first day on which Raymond Illingworth's secondary role as team manager was open to public scrutiny and he sprang an immediate surprise by taking the field in a tracksuit. He also stretched a muscle or two on the edge of the team exercise session and chased a few balls at a fielding practice orchestrated by Atherton and Alec Stewart before resuming a position more suitable for a 62-year-old, monitoring the seam bowlers' net.

He was an influence for good here, rapidly remonstrating with Darren Gough and Angus Fraser as they wilfully overstepped by a yard in the lazy fashion that has for far too long been condoned at England nets. Bad habits grooved at practice are not easily abandoned in a match, and if Illingworth's pre-emptive strike saves England a handful of no-balls today, it could conceivably win them the game, for this is an area in which West Indies are profligate.

No-balls and wides have plagued them in their past two one-day series here. In 1988, they bowled 48 extra balls and in 1991 the figure was an astonishing 68. They have learnt little in the interim, judged on the their only competitive one-day match on tour, in which their count was nine wides and 15 no-balls, eight of them from Curtly Ambrose, the bowler who continues to cause grave concern.

Doubts were cast over Ambrose by Andy Roberts, his coach, before he had bowled a ball in anger on tour. Now that he has bowled many in obvious anger, most of them uncharacteristically misdirected, he has to start the internationals against a background of whispering (nobody would dare say it to his face) that his great days are gone. "He is aware he has not been bowling well," Richardson said yesterday, "but I think you will see him more motivated tomorrow."

Ambrose and Courtney Walsh will share the new ball today and there is a chance that Ian Bishop, whose career has been cruelly hampered by injury, will be chosen as one of four fast bowlers.

England seem likely to omit Peter Martin and Alan Wells, their fringe selections, and, if one believes the weather forecast, the 999th one-day international will comfortably extend into a second day.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Illingworth dons tracksuit and joins Atherton and the England squad in their warm-up before net practice at Trent Bridge yesterday

Kent in festival mood

THERE are few more delightful grounds than Tunbridge Wells, where Glamorgan are the visitors today as Kent take advantage of a Wednesday start — permitted at festival venues for the first time this season to help to boost attendance (Simon Wilde writes).

With Kent among the better supported sides and the two teams occupying fifth and sixth places in the table, there is every reason for the fixture to be well attended, weather permitting.

"I actually think that the game is already aggressively marketed," Mike Fatkin, Glamorgan's cricket secretary, said yesterday. "But we, along with a number of counties, will be watching the Wednesday experiment closely. If it proves successful, we may use it more fully next season."

The Kent and Glamorgan players will have the envious advantage of not having to splice a Sunday league fixture between the third and fourth days of their match. For this reason alone, there are many advocates of a complete transition to Wednesday starts. Others favour a limited-overs league on Saturdays and championship games from Sundays to Wednesdays.

The Test and County Cricket Board is to review the structure of the domestic programme in the autumn, as part of a three-year appraisal.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

England

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
M A Atherton	22	22	2	841	86	42.05	—	7	6
D G Cork	5	1	0	11	11	11.00	—	—	—
P A J DeFreitas	91	59	23	551	49*	15.30	—	—	25
N H Fairbrother	44	42	9	1268	113	38.42	1	9	19
A R C Fraser	31	13	5	76	38*	9.50	—	—	1
D Gough	7	4	1	59	45	19.66	—	—	1
G A Hick	44	43	6	1473	105*	39.81	1	12	25
M R Ramprakash	4	4	2	47	31	23.50	—	—	3
A J Stewart	61	56	4	1567	103	30.13	1	10	47/4
G P Thorpe	10	10	0	292	89	29.20	—	2	5
S D Udal	7	5	3	30	11*	15.00	—	—	1

* denotes not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	Econ
D G Cork	53	5	213	5	42.60	3-49	—	4.01
P A J DeFreitas	848.1	105	3284	104	31.57	4-35	—	3.87
N H Fairbrother	1	0	9	0	—	—	—	9.00
A R C Fraser	291.4	39	1069	35	30.54	4-22	—	3.66
D Gough	60.4	7	227	12	18.91	5-44	1	3.74
G A Hick	95	4	460	13	35.38	3-41	—	4.84
S D Udal	68	4	243	8	30.37	2-37	—	3.57

P J Martin and A P Wells have not played in one-day internationals.

West Indies

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
J C Adams	44	31	12	629	81*	33.10	—	6	23/4
C E L Ambrose	111	58	25	390	26*	12.25	—	—	31
K L T Arthurton	78	68	14	1576	84	29.18	—	8	20
K C G Benjamin	24	11	7	54	17	13.50	—	—	4
W K M Benjamin	81	50	12	276	31	7.23	—	—	16
I R Bishop	53	25	11	223	33*	15.92	—	—	10
S L Campbell	7	7	0	92	36	13.14	—	—	2
S Chanderpaul	6	4	0	49	22	12.25	—	—	1
R Dhanraj	6	2	1	8	6	8.00	—	—	1
C L Hooper	130	115	27	2980	113*	33.86	2	18	63
B C Lara	84	83	7	3313	153	43.59	5	25	45
J R Murray	35	16	5	115	30*	10.45	—	—	32/5
R B Richardson	203	198	27	5650	122	33.43	5	41	70
C A Walsh	140	49	20	246	30	8.48	—	—	20
S C Williams	17	17	2	512	73*	34.13	—	3	4

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	Econ
J C Adams	13	2	59	2	29.50	1-2	—	4.53
C E L Ambrose	986.5	128	3445	154	22.37	5-17	4	3.49
K L T Arthurton	85.5	3	465	20	23.25	3-31	—	5.38
K C G Benjamin	200.1	12	812	34	23.88	3-12	—	4.05
W K M Benjamin	703.4	56	2928	93	31.49	5-22	1	4.16
I R Bishop	463.1	29	1874	88	21.29	5-25	2	4.04
S Chanderpaul	10	0	67	0	—	—	—	6.70
R Dhanraj	44	2	170	10	17.00	4-26	—	3.86
C L Hooper	865.4	23	3771	122	30.90	4-34	—	4.35
B C Lara	4	0	22	2	11.00	2-5	—	5.50
R B Richardson	9.4	0	46	1	46.00	1-4	—	4.75
C A Walsh	1230.4	114	4761	155	30.58	5-1	1	3.85

C O Browne and O D Gibson have not played in one-day internationals

Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

WORD-WATCHING

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HENDIADYS

(c) The expressing of a compound notion by giving its two constituents as though they were independent and connecting them with a conjunction instead of subordinating one to the other, as "pour libations from bowls and gold" for golden bowls. Sic "nice and warm", "try and do better", "grace and favour" = gracious favour.

HYSTERON PROTERON

(b) Putting the cart before the horse in speech, as in Dogberry's, "Masters, it is proved already that you are little better than false knaves, and it will go near to be thought so shortly." A less crude example: "BA is running its airlines as a prosperous and viable industry."

LITOTES

(a) A particular form of meiosis or understatement for rhetorical effect, in which for the positive notion required is substituted its opposite with a negative. "I praise you not" has the effect of an emphatic I blame. "No mean city" is litotes for "We are the greatest."

SYLLEPSIS

(a) "Yoking" or using a single word punningly with two separate constructions. "Miss Bolo went home in a flood of tears and a Bath chair." "He lost his hat and his temper." To be distinguished from zeugma. "Kill the boys and the luggage." Syllepsis is grammatically correct, but requires a word to be understood in a different sense for each half of its yoke. Whereas, in zeugma, the word fails to give sense with one of its pair, and from it the appropriate word has to be supplied. You destroy or plunder luggage, but cannot kill it in the extreme acceptation of the word.

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RADIO 3

6.00am **Open University:** Learning through Life: Education and Employment 6.55 Weather

7.00 **On Air:** Walter Frye (Tout a par moi); Mendelssohn (Intermezzo; Nocturne, A Midsummer Night's Dream); 7.32 *Handel Handbook*; Handel (Trio Sonata in D, Op 5 No 2); 8.05 Rossini (Overture: La Cenerentola); Rimsky-Korsakov (The Golden Cloud Slept: The Last Cloud); Lambert (Suite: Horoscope)

9.00 **Composers of the Week:** Widor and Vierne. Widor (Marche pontificale, Symphony No 1; Mass; Vivace, Piano Quartet in A minor); Vierne (Nalides: Fantômes, Pièces de fantaisie; Tendresses, 12 Préludes)

10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Mozart (Serenade in D, Serenata notturna); Busoni (Two Studies, Op 51, Doctor Faust); Bruckner (String Quartet in C minor); Havergal Brian (Symphony No 5, Wine of Summer); 11.32 *Artists of the Week*: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Poulenc (Suite: Les biches)

12.00 **Music Restored:** Including works by Alfonso Ferrabosco, Robert Johnson, William Lawes and Stephen Nau (r)

1.00pm **Cello and Piano:** Beethoven (Cello Sonata in A, Op 69); Shostakovich (Cello Sonata, Op 40) (r)

2.00 **Schools:** Together: An Assembly for Schools 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Stop . . . Danger . . . Go! 2.40 Drama Workshop

3.00 **Midweek Choice:** 0171-765 4368 Including Brouwer (Cuban Landscape with Rain); Nordic Guitar Quartet); Guilmant (Symphony No 1 for organ and orchestra: Ian Tracey, organ; BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier)

4.00 **Choral Evensong** live from Westminster Abbey

5.00 **The Music Machine:** Tommy Pearson finds out how a concert is broadcast live

5.15 **In Tune:** With Natalie Wheen

6.00 **Rush Hour Concert** Ensemble Sonnerie performs baroque music including Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D)

7.00 **Cocktails:** Music evoking Edwardian hotels

7.30 **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** under Tadaaki Otaka: Raphael Oleg, violin. Grieg (Peer Gynt: Suite No 1); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

9.05 **The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax.** The third of five plays by Neil Cargill

9.25 **Glière Revealed:** Glière (Humoresque, Andante and Impromptu. Op 35; Impromptu); Bax (Elegiac Trio); Damase (Duo); Ippolitov-Ivanov (A Night in Georgia, Op 71)

10.20 **Guildhall String Ensemble:** Dvořák (Nocturne in B); Britten (Simple Symphony, Op 4) (r)

10.45 **Night Waves:** Lisa Jardine talks to John Berger

11.30-12.30am **Voices:** Berlioz songs

1.00-1.40 **Night School:** Contes mystérieux

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Midweek:** With *Times* columnist Libby Purves

10.00-10.30 **News; A Good Read** (FM only): Susan Hill, Julie O'Callaghan and Ian McMillan discuss three paperbacks

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)

10.15 **From Plato to the Present** (LW only): Albert Einstein's *Out of My Later Years*

10.30 **Woman's Hour** (FM only from 10.45): Jenni Murray meets the artist Sarah Raphael

10.45-7.30pm **Cricket** (LW only): The first Texaco Trophy one-day International between England and the West Indies

NB: **The following are on FM only until 7.30pm**

11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time** (r)

12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25pm **King Street Junior:** Internal Inquiries. Final part of the comedy-drama series 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One** (FM and LW), with Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; The Pamela Myers Show:** Back to Beck. Final part of the comedy-drama starring Eileen Pollock

2.45 **Treasure Islands:** Jill Burridge launches Radio 4's national competition to write a children's short story for radio

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Quentin Cooper considers the career of film-maker Ed Wood and visits an art project in Bath

4.45 **Short Story: Double Take:** Kristin Millward reads George Helsby's story

5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **Brain of Britain 1995:** Nationwide general knowledge contest (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.29 **Face the Facts:** With John Waite

7.45 **The Psychology of War:** In the first of three programmes, Hugh McManners discovers how psychologists have refined the art of battle (r)

8.15 **If You're So Smart . . .** Johnny Vaughan tries to find out why a cure for cancer is so elusive

8.45 **Forging a Nation:** See Choice

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair,** written and read by Michael Palin. Third of ten episodes

11.00 **Elastic Planet:** The Train. A comedy of connections by Ben Moor

11.15 **Twenty Players:** Doug and Demetza Davidson, forgotten sporting heroes (2/6)

11.30-12.00 **Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica** (FM only): With Belinda Burton (r)

11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)

12.00-12.45am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

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Something borrowed from something blue

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

The makers of **Out of the Blue** (BBC 1) are proud of its innovative visual style: in their press release they claim it is completely new. Which is odd, because to judge by last night's opening episode, the style simply imitates Steven Bochco's *NYPD Blue* — extreme close-ups, snatched conversation and veering hand-held cameras. It goes like this. A Yorkshire cop walks into an office and looks around. The camera shows us: a desk with some papers on it: *a blur*; another desk with some pencils: *blur again*; carpet tile, coffee mug, calendar; *blur*; coatstand. The man smiles, mysteriously. Possibly he is trying to conquer the seasickness that has suddenly overwhelmed him.

It's not often that a new British cop show looks too clever by half, but *Out of the Blue* may be just that. In *NYPD Blue*, the overall effect of this contrived pace and verve is to look naturalistic: whereas in *Out of the Blue* the cops line up to speak in single file and the contrivance yells aloud, "If somebody misses their cue we'll have to do the whole damn thing again!" Still, it is not easy to establish nine central characters at a single swipe, and in that regard *Out of the Blue* was a considerable success. It has a strong ensemble cast, including John Hannah (of ITV's *Faith*) and Neil Dudgeon (the heartbreaking Ken in *Common as Muck*). And the dialogue has an authentic air to it. "What can forensics tell us?" asks DI Eric (in charge). "Nothing. There's more dabs in there than in the North Sea," quips Dudgeon.

On the other hand, there were more "coughs" in *Out of the Blue* than in a TB sanatorium. Once the writers had got hold of this neat synonym (meaning "confession", if you can't guess — and "dabs" means fingerprints), they wouldn't let it go. But I suppose that's authentic, too, and that policemen don't sit around all day thinking up colourful argot when they've already got a good word like "cough". Last night's whizzy-whizzy-let's-get-busy plots involved a macabre gunshot murder of a terminal cancer patient, and the rape of a woman by her own teenage son. Both cases were solved, although it wouldn't have mattered if they weren't. The important stuff in *Out of the Blue* takes place among the lads.

I sometimes wonder, having watched two or three hours of new drama, where all the characters go in my head. Do you ever wonder this? Or is this the *first sign of madness*? Sometimes I fear that I will welcome too many characters on deck, and water will start to lap dangerously round their ankles. Last night, all the boys of *Out of the Blue* were efficiently whistled aboard — DS Franky (Hannah) the brightest star of Brazen Gate CID; Marty (Dudgeon) the impatient joker who climbs through the window when a bloke won't open the door; DS Ron (Peter Wight) a plodder; and so on. Then on ITV, **Dangerous Lady** pulled alongside, and a dozen more scrambled on — a band of villains to complement the cops. I gave them all a drink, and waved them away. "Mingle, just mingle!" I said. I must need my head examined.

Sorry about that. Anyway, *Dangerous Lady* is a four-part serial based on an Irish family dynasty of murdering racketeers and extortionists in 1960s Notting Hill. There are not many laughs. The dangerous lady is Maura Ryan (Susan Lynch), who last night (aged 18) didn't seem dangerous at all, especially when compared with her psychopath brother Michael (Jason Isaacs). Michael is a young Godfather, fired by personal disgust. He is Robert De Niro with blue eyes, and while he celebrates his brother's marriage his hoods start a gang war, in proper Corleone fashion. Meanwhile Maura meets a boy (Owen Teale) at the Palais and falls in love. Unfortunately he is a policeman.

Both *Out of the Blue* and *Dangerous Lady* are decent dramas, which is a trifle unfortunate since they overlap. Meanwhile, if anybody else was fretting about Cal MacAninch in *Dangerous Lady* ("Who *is* that?"), I must remind them of my colleague Matthew Bond's excellent *Riff-Raff* rule. When an actor looks familiar, ask the question, "Was he in the *Riff-Raff Element*?" This usually induces instant relief.

Derek Cooper's **Meat** (BBC 2) ended in an apocalyptic vision of trans-genetic meat production, driving all its viewers to a raw veg diet without delay. Cooper envisaged a day when a genetically engineered marrow would grow ready-stuffed with mince. *Meat* also introduced us to a cheerful man in a white coat whose job is to urge boar sperm into a tube. The pig mounts a bench, and the man does the rest, presumably snorting pornography into its hairy ear. When people hear what this man does for a living, they sometimes can't bring themselves to shake his hand.

Meanwhile, in **The Politician's Wife** (Channel 4), Juliet Stevenson is understandably suffering from the same compunction when it comes to her adulterous husband, Trevor Eve. "There's something going on with you, Flora," whispered the toad in bed: "you seem, I don't know, distant." This seems a bit thick of him, actually. If you'll pardon the demotic, *she knows where he's been*.

This week, this exceptionally subtle drama concerned Stevenson's attempt to smear resignation dirt on her husband, while all the time appearing supportive, loyal and fluffy. This is a far better revenge than scissoring the crotches of his suits: as a minister's wife she is sufficiently clever, devious and ruthless to destroy her husband's career simply (and here's the beauty of it) by turning her invisibility to her own advantage.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (90502)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10561453)

9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1836279)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7740786) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (1992618)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (4689182)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9450250) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Ross King (s) (5548347) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15975502)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (89618)

1.30 Neighbours. Ceefax) (s) (12586928) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly sifts another stream of general knowledge talent (s) (56942584)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Lighthearted western adventures starring Pete Duel and Ben Murphy (r) (9051927) **3.05 Gardens of the World.** Audrey Hepburn visits Claude Monet's garden at Giverny and Tintinhull House in Somerset (r) (6806618)

3.30 Cartoon (5796618) **3.45 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8097182) **4.10 The Chipmunks** (r). (Ceefax) (2462163) **4.35 Glad Rags.** (Ceefax) (s) (1518279)

4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7878811) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (1233540)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (906328)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (811)

6.30 Regional news magazines (163)



Kate Capshaw and Harrison Ford (7.00pm)

7.00 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw. This second in the *Indiana Jones* series of adventures is actually a "prequel" to the first and contains scenes of gruesome temple tortures as the hero tries to help jungle villagers under the influence of an evil cult. Directed by Steven Spielberg. (Ceefax) (s) (77771279)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (s) (384163)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7279)

9.30 Cardiac Arrest. Last in the medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (27960)

10.00 Ben Elton — The Man from Auntie. Stand-up comedy and sketches (r) (s) (14219)

10.30 FILM: Terms of Endearment (1983) starring Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger and Jack Nicholson. A lighthearted, Oscar-winning weepy drama about a widowed, clinging mother and her headstrong daughter who learns the hard way about the facts of marriage. Directed by James L Brooks (71446415)

12.40am FILM: The Getting of Wisdom (1977) starring Susannah Fowle and Barry Humphries. An Australian drama about strong-willed teenager who causes ripples when she attends an exclusive Melbourne ladies' college. Directed by Bruce Beresford (727293) **2.20 Weather** (2792729)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7824618)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Trevor Phillips (s) (7071360)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1903724) **1.45** You and Me (95048637) **2.00** Spot (12897366) **2.05** William's Wish Wellingtons (12896637) **2.10** Barney (12888618)

2.15 Racing from Goodwood. Live coverage of the **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races. Includes at **2.55 News**, regional news and weather (941250) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3630637)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (796)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (s) (960)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. How to teach children to think when confronted with conflict. (Ceefax) (s) (2441989)

5.40 The Long Goodbye (s) (960415)

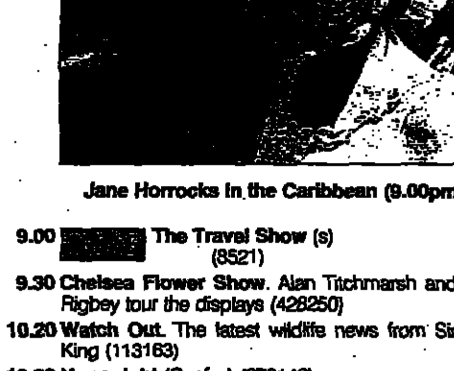
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (402960)

6.45 A Bit of Bluff. Highlights from *Call My Bluff*, the classic comedy word game (s) (427637)

7.00 Timewatch at War: The Mother of All Battles (r) (s) (435618)

7.50 French Cooking in Ten Minutes. (Ceefax) (s) (692750)

8.00 Cricket. Highlights of the first of three one-day games between England and the West Indies (s) (7521)



Jane Horrocks in the Caribbean (9.00pm)

9.00 The Travel Show (s) (8521)

9.30 Chelsea Flower Show. Alan Titchmarsh and Liz Rigbey tour the displays (428250)

10.20 Watch Out. The latest wildlife news from Simon King (113163)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (976142)

11.15 Letterman in London. The guests include Peter O'Toole, Van Morrison, Sinead O'Connor, the Chieftains and *The X Files*'s David Duchovny (s) (683705)

12.00 Open University: Surviving the Exam (6134583) **12.25** Making Medical Decisions: Assessing Chances (9781903) **12.50am Weather** (5223075)

12.55 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (7361125). Ends at **1.25**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (16279019)

5.00-6.00 Voluntary Sector Television (93106)

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CHOICE

The Travel Show
BBC2, 9.00pm

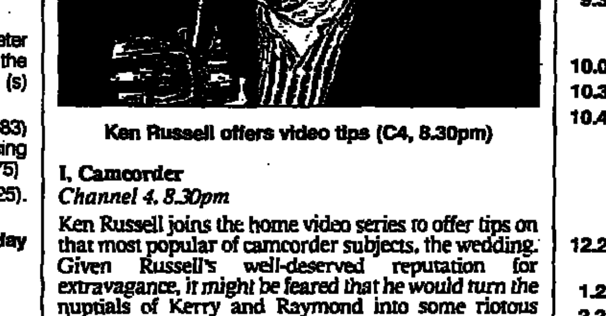
The Travel Show can generally be relied upon to provide an antidote to the effusive coverage of BBC1's *Holiday* and of Judith Chalmers and chums on ITV. Sure enough, the new series promises to eschew the language of the holiday brochures, look beyond package tours to Spain and Florida and tell us about the snags as well as the delights. The pursuit of the unusual is certainly evident as Alison Goldie goes to three English retreats for peace and meditation. But elsewhere the shadow of Judith Chalmers still falls. The actress Jane Horrocks is funnier than Chalmers but her visit to the French Caribbean is a shameless pursuit of sun, sea and celebrities which could easily have fitted into *Wish You Were Here..?*

The Long Goodbye
BBC2, 5.40pm

Whether the title of a Raymond Chandler novel strikes quite the right note for a serious treatment of death and bereavement, this continues to be a powerful series. The Chilean writer Isabel Allende is tonight's witness as she describes the death of Paula, her 28-year-old daughter, from a rare genetic condition. The circumstances were particularly painful. There was no hint of tragedy as Paula was admitted to hospital, but she was given the wrong medication and went into a coma. She survived for a year but never regained consciousness. Time has been a healer and Allende is bolstered by her belief in life after death. But in the weeks after Paula died, the loss was such that Allende saved her sleeping pills with a view to suicide.

Timewatch At War: Mother of All Battles
BBC2, 7.00pm

It is hardly true, as this repeated documentary claims, that few people in the West have heard of the battle of Kursk. Any competent history of the Second World War will tell you all about it. The main justification for working over the story again is the first-hand accounts of participants, still sharp and revealing after half a century. The battle was fought in the central Russian plain during July and August 1943 and probably ensured that the Germans would lose the war. It was the biggest armoured conflict there had been and the losses were dreadful, more than a quarter of a million on the Soviet side and 100,000 on the German. The eye-witnesses include women who served in the Soviet forces as pilots and tank drivers.



Ken Russell offers video tips (C4, 8.30pm)

I, Camcorder
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Ken Russell joins the home video series to offer tips on that most popular of camcorder subjects, the wedding. Given Russell's well-deserved reputation for extravagance, it might be feared that he would turn the nuptials of Kerry and Raymond into some riotous orgy. On the contrary, his advice to the bride's Uncle Jimmy, who has been entrusted with filming the event, is measured and sensible. Which is not to say that the movie flinches from the comic possibilities of the bride's mother dismantling her hairdo only minutes after returning from the hairdresser or the bride taking gulps of whisky to calm her nerves. Nor do Ken and Jimmy ignore the stag and hen nights and the inevitable strippagrams.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4201182) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** with Bob Mills (8162908) **9.55 London Today** (1980873) **10.00 Step by Step** American sit-com (r) (s) (45415)

10.30 This Morning Weekday family magazine (61328366) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9456434)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7133892)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7141811) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (16859347) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (15850273)

2.20 Carlton Parenting Week. How to cope with stressful situations (20914095) **2.50 Carlton People** presented by Fiona Oates (2367453)

3.20 ITN News headlines (9737317) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1422368)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (5790434) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (2181291) **3.50 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (6781255) **4.00 Sooty and Co** (r) (s) (3637540) **4.25 Tales from the Cryptkeeper** (Teletext) (s) (2452786) **4.50 How 2** (r). (Teletext) (5745960)

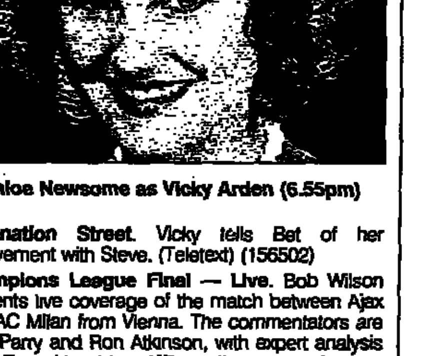
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1234279)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (263250)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (195366)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (279)

6.30 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (153415)



Chloe Newsome as Vicky Arden (6.55pm)

6.55 Coronation Street. Vicky tells Bet of her involvement with Steve. (Teletext) (156502)

7.25 Champions League Final — Live. Bob Wilson presents live coverage of the match between Ajax and AC Milan from Vienna. The commentators are Alan Parry and Ron Atkinson, with expert analysis from Terry Venables. **NB:** In the event of extra-time/penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to delay or change (81455647)

9.30 Oddballs. Eamonn Holmes presents a selection of out-takes from the world of sport (r). (Teletext) (s) (29328)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (91057)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (730057)

10.40 FILM: Rocky IV (1985) starring and directed by Sylvester Stallone. This round of the pugilistic saga sees our hero taking on the might of a one-man Soviet fighting machine who has caused the death of his best friend. With Dolph Lundgren and Brigitte Nielsen. (Teletext) (s) (98412250)

12.20am The Little Picture Show. Includes a review of *The Client* starring Susan Sarandon (7220816)

1.25 The Album Show (s) (6289534)

2.25 Hollywood Report (s) (6669380)

2.55 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (9549651)

3.20 Profile of Bad Boys Inc (r) (s) (47831859)

3.35 Sport AM (r) (9873835)

4.30 Cowboys in Skirts — The Making of Rob Roy (r) (10335477)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1362941)

5.30 ITN Morning News (32458). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7079927)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (65499)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (64714)

9.30 Schools. Technology for Today (7602144) **10.02** Stage Two Science (7383881) **10.18** The Jacobites (8638778) **10.39** The Arts Connection (5655927) **11.00** Schools at Work (9785182) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9775705) **11.15** Visual World (4306304) **11.30** Film Video Showcase (7762881) **11.40** Irish Scientists and Inventors (3002328)

12.00 House To House. Maya Evan's political magazine (21298)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (90569) **1.30 The Herbs** and **Dig, Dug and Daisy** (r) (39705)

2.00 The Rink. A film short directed by Gilles Carle (85765569)

2.15 FILM: Johnny O' Clock (1947, b/w) starring Dick Powell, Thomas Gomez and Lee J. Cobb. A thriller about the owner of a New York gaming club who is suspected of murdering a corrupt policeman and a casino hat check girl. Marked the directorial debut of Robert Rossen (967298)

4.00 Jimmy's (r). (Teletext) (144)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (328)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are a couple who were engaged before the man was sent to the Gulf War and came back a changed person and married someone else. Now he is a widower with a young son he wants to rekindle his original relationship. (Teletext) (s) (6030569)

5.45 Terrytoons. An Astronut double bill (260163)

6.00 All American Girl. Sit-com. (Teletext) (s) (521)

6.30 Boy Meets World. (Teletext) (s) (873)

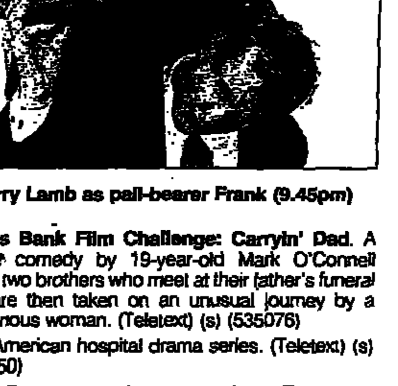
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (187569)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (947827)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5124)

8.30 I, Camcorder. (Teletext) (s) (9279)

9.00 Dispatches. A report on a secret plutonium producing factory in Siberia. (Teletext) (268724)



Larry Lamb as pall-bearer Frank (9.45pm)

9.45 Lloyds Bank Film Challenge: Carryin' Dad. A gentle comedy by 19-year-old Mark O'Connell about two brothers who meet at their father's funeral and are then taken on an unusual journey by a mysterious woman. (Teletext) (s) (535076)

10.00 E.R. American hospital drama series. (Teletext) (s) (871750)

10.55 Tina Turner: What's Love — Live. The singer recorded in concert in California (r) (738434)

11.55 Cheers (r). (Teletext) (s) (645705)

12.30am LA Law. Courtroom drama series (s) (3823496)

1.25 Mojo Working The soul singer Otis Redding in performance (r) (s) (2747274)

1.55 FILM: Nancy Steele Is Missing (1937, b/w) starring Victor McLaglen. A drama about a pacifist who kidnaps a munitions manufacturer's daughter in protest about his involvement in the First World War. George Marshall directs (216903). Ends **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1980873) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (9456434) **12.55** Coronation Street (7141811) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16859347) **2.20** Gardening Time (20914095) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2367453) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (1422368) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1234279) **6.25-6.55** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (467095) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (730057) **12.15am** Beyond Reality (9789545) **12.40** Alien Nation (5615632) **1.35** Hollywood Report (5813187) **2.00** Shift (7120854) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (2393125) **4.20** Nite Brew (59790496) **4.30** The Time... the Place (33212) **5.00** The Munsters Today (80632)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1980873) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9456434) **2.20** Gardening Time (20914095) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2367453) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1422368) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1234279) **6.25** Central News and Weather (553366) **6.50-6.55** Life Line (779637) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (730057) **4.30am** Jobfinder (6191583) **5.20** Asian Eye (8768729)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1980873) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (9456434) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (7141811) **1.25** Home and Away (51371434) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (3978960) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (2367453) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (1422368) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1234279) **6.25-6.55** Granada Tonight (467095) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (730057)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7141811) **1.25** Home and Away (16859347) **1.55** The New Mr & Mrs Show (62450219) **2.25** Good Advice (20913366) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6059298) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1234279) **6.30-6.55** HTV News (153415) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News (730057)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (1980873) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (9456434) **1.55-2.25** The Really Helpful Programme (62450219) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (1422368) **6.30-6.55** Wales Tonight (153415) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (730057)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7141811) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16859347) **2.20** Doing It Up (20914095) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2367453) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1234279) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (459076) **6.25-6.55** Paln's Column (467095) **10.40** Meridian Focus (583366) **11.10** Married with Children (128298) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (793786) **12.10am** Good Advice (6117816) **12.40** Alien Nation (5615632) **1.35** Hollywood Report (5613187) **2.00** Shift (7120854) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (2393125) **4.20** Nite Bites (59790496) **4.30** The Time. the Place (33212) **5.00** Freescreen (80632)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7141811) **1.25** Home and Away (16859347) **1.55** High Road (62450219) **2.25-3.25** Surfing and the Kingsmen (20913366) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1234279) **6.00-6.55** Westcountry Live (147521)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7141811) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16859347) **2.20** The Restaurant Show (20914095) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2367453) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (1422368) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1234279) **5.55** Calendar (928540) **6.25-6.55** Crosswits (467095) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (730057) **12.15am** World Rugby Classic from Bermuda (7408477) **1.20** Magnum: Three Minus Two (Tom Selleck, John Hillerman) (5675496) **2.15** Hollywood Report (65360) **2.45** Videofashion (64651) **3.15** The Album Show (431336) **4.15** Noisy Mothers (3030767) **5.10** Jobfinder (4348309)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (65499) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (64714) **9.30** Ysgolion (819960) **12.00pm** House To House (21298) **12.30** Dr Snuggles (30434) **1.00** Slot Meithrin: Rala Rwdins (71328) **1.30** Plunder: Neferiti (59305340) **1.55** The Iron Horse (98165365) **4.30** The Cosby Show (328) **5.00** 5 Pump Cabare Cwaser (8872521) **5.20** 5 Pump Waldo (7868618) **5.30** Fifteen To One (908) **6.00** Newyddion (804502) **6.15** Heno (688453) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4724) **7.30** Trysorau'r Ynysoedd Cymnachau Juan (647) **8.00** Hwyl Y Noson Lawen (5124) **8.30** Newyddion (9279) **9.00** Nwy Yn Y Nen (8219) **9.30** Rap (60298) **10.00** Brookside (22927) **10.30** E.R (720415) **11.25** Dispatches (674057) **12.10am** The Golden Girls (6115458) **12.40** Home Improvement (7367309)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (35347) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (55279) **8.30** Blockbusters (47250) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (88279) **10.00** Concentration (94705) **10.30** Card Sharks (34798) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11960) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (58386) **12.30pm** Designing Women (67502) **1.00** The Waltons (62057) **2.00** Matlock (95434) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4447589) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (5146827) **4.30** Power Rangers (1732) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (3873) **6.00** Spellbound (8057) **6.30** Family Ties (2837) **7.00** Rescue (4502) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1521) **8.00** Robocop (25540) **9.00** Picket Fences (12076) **10.00** Quantum Leap (15163) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (230502) **11.50** LA Law (834502) **12.45am** The Untouchables (7089941) **1.30** In Living Color (99841) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4783748)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2012328) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (38892) **10.30** ABC Nightline (32328) **11.00** News and Business (354618) **1.30pm** CBS News (91873) **2.30** Parliament Live (55250) **3.30** Parliament Live (6665) **4.00** News and Business (90388) **5.00** Live at Five (8175521) **6.05** Littlejohn (875927) **8.00** News and Business (1892) **8.30** O.J. Simpson (2417) **12.30am** CBS News (6738361) **1.10** Littlejohn (8040767) **2.30** Parliament (83699) **4.30** CBS News (95922) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (74458)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (88832786) **10.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1979) (78618) **12.00 A Whale for The Killing — Part Two** (1981) (850434) **1.35pm Six Pack** (1982) (62375366) **3.35 Hello, Dolly!** (1969) (88448095) **6.00 Stepkids** (1991) (28279) **8.00 The Real McCoy** (1993) (21724) **10.00 Chantilly Lace** (1993) (742714) **11.45 Up!** (1976) (519366) **1.10am Dead Before Dawn** (1993) (890854) **2.45 Castle Keep** (1969) (437835) **4.30-6.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1978). As 10am (90477)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (96827) **4.00 The Stranger** (1946) (6237) **6.00 The Trouble with Harry** (1955) (82873) **8.00 Red Scorpion** (1989) (94618) **10.00 Belle de Jour** (1967) (273328) **11.40-1.10am The Streetfighter** (1975) (94114637)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950) (28057) **8.00 The Last of the Mohicans** Native American animation (72873) **9.00 The Little Mermaid**: Cartoon (71989) **10.00 Jesse James** (1939) (69860) **12.00 You're Never Too Young** (1955) (83809) **2.00pm The 300 Spartans** (1962) (32847) **4.00 The Last of the Mohicans**: As 8am (85434) **5.00 The Little Mermaid**: As 9am (6023415) **5.55 Class of '61** (1992) (21407182) **7.30 Special Feature: Tim Burton** (4231) **8.00 Secrets** (1992) (29366) **10.00 The Assassin** (1993) (847188) **11.50 Mandroid** (1993) (507521) **1.15am High Art** (1991) (890729) **3.00 The Prince of Jutland** (1993) (134381) **4.50-6.00 Tales of Washington Irving** (1992) (8377699)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am WWF Superstars (13144) **8.00** Golf: Anderson Consulting Championship (72328) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (14095) **10.00** WTA Tennis (38163) **10.30** Cricket, Live: One-Day Texaco International between England and the West Indies (3606298) **7.30pm** Get Your Handicap Down (5705) **8.00** ATP Tennis (65182) **11.00** Cricket Highlights (16683) **11.30** NBA Basketball (68142) **1.30-2.00am** Get Your Handicap Down (40699)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurofun (71366) **8.00** Tennis (20144) **10.00** Diving (60250) **11.00** Football (97618) **1.00pm** Snooker (44724) **3.00** Triathlon (3415) **3.30** Motors (29621) **5.30** Motorcycling (3724) **6.00** Formula One (779279) **6.45** News (605453) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing (72095) **9.00** Formula One (10144) **9.30** Motorcycling Magazine (90415) **10.00** Trickshot (34724) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (39309)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1763618) **8.30** Peyton Place (1762989) **9.00** As the World Turns (9380873) **10.00** Guiding Light (8239892) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8230521)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (1766705) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4997453) **1.00** Colorado River Adventures (8220144) **1.30** Pierre Franey (4996724) **2.00** Getaway (7474144) **2.30** On Top of the World (9551415) **3.00** Discover America (1419076) **4.00** Travel Guide (9575095) **4.30** Boomerang (9571279) **5.00** Travel Guide on Video (7498724) **5.30** Pierre Franey (9555231) **6.00** On Top of the World (9552144) **6.30** American Vacation (5036873) **7.30** Getaway (9572908) **8.00** Around the World (7494908) **8.30** Travel Guide (7473415) **9.00** Globetrotter (1427095) **9.30** American Vacation (3005144) **10.30** Travel Guide on Video (1778182) **11.00** American Trail (1422540) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8842618)



La belle Catherine Deneuve (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7432057) **9.30** Simply Delicious (7742502) **10.00** Grow with Joe (6617434) **10.30** General Practice (7461589) **11.00** Only Human (3690502) **11.45** The Clown (73708366) **12.00** Extra Dimensions (2797163) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (94152366) **1.00** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (8926148) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (7752989) **2.00** Jimmy's (8156415) **2.30** Cash in Hand (5938811) **3.00** Grow with Joe (8168250) **3.30-4.00** Mad About Animals (5917328)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (7713685) **7.30** Neighbours (8288750) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7444892) **8.30** EastEnders (7443163) **9.00** The Bill (7434415) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (9403960) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (85177076) **11.35** Going for Gold (12358231) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7454279) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7755076) **1.00** EastEnders (8163106) **1.30** The Bill (7754347) **2.00** Bless This House (8158873) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5947589) **3.00** Knots Landing (3943892) **4.00** Dallas (3962927) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5840892) **5.35** Dick Emery (6752328) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1178786) **6.30** EastEnders (5922250) **7.00** Brush Strokes (8169989) **7.30** Bless This House (5928434) **8.00** Fresh Fields (8178637) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (8157144) **9.00** Out (2171163) **10.00** The Bill (7455908) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1331182) **11.05** Scotch 'n' Wry (6321434) **11.45** Dr Who (8619908) **12.15am** FILM: Forty-Ninth Parallel (1941): German sailors try to escape from Canada to the United States in this Second World War thriller with Laurence Olivier (85260729) **2.25** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame (23892) **7.00** Sonic (92434) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (11569) **8.00** Degrassi (79189) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3781328) **8.45** Casper (3702811) **9.00** Sesame (60811) **10.00** Tiny TCC (81927) **12.00** Madeline (29665) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (34989) **2.30** Barney (3540) **3.00** Dinobabies (2705) **3.30** Sonic (2057) **4.00** California Dreams (4892) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi (5796)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive Including Deep Sea Dick (3483182) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (190569) **7.45** Rugrats (182540) **8.15** Mighty Max (275724) **8.45** NickAlive (3461340) **9.00** Nick Jr (947502) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (74989) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (16453) **1.00** Smogges (64076) **1.30** Grimmy (15724) **2.00** Denver (9322) **2.30** Galaxy High School (5182) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (6989) **3.30** Alex Mack (7927) **4.00** Mighty Max (6434) **4.30** Rugrats (2618) **5.00** Clarissa (1434) **5.30** Odyssey (6298) **6.00** Doug (6811) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7163)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Arctic (5929163) **4.30** Wildlife (5925347) **5.00** Wild South (8159502) **6.00** Invention (2985219) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3717927) **7.30** Encyclopedia Galactica (5926076) **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Universe (8176279) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's World (8155786) **9.00** Wings Over the World (2179705) **10.00** Outlaws (2172892) **11.00-12.00** Space Shuttle (3218255)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. Monster from Green Hell (1958). Overgrown wasps attack America (1930250) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7749415) **2.00** The Avengers (6512989) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8162076) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5937182) **4.00** FILM The Borrowers (1973). A boy discovers a family of little people under the floorboards (1920873) **5.30** Death Valley Days (5935453) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5933366) **6.30** Scotland Yard (5924618) **7.00** The Twilight Zone (6154057) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5913502) **8.00** The Avengers (2186095) **9.00** Zoo Gang (2168231) **10.00** FILM: The Blood of Fu Manchu (1968). With Christopher Lee (6058811) **11.45-12.00** Muffin the Mule (7314569)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4461366) **7.00** Living Magazine (7046502) **9.00** Bazaar (4446366) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5898618) **10.05** Homewise (2731415) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70520182) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5554076) **11.55** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (8898927) **12.55pm** Take Six Cooks (1249057) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2726502) **2.00** Agony Hour (7637960) **3.00** Living Magazine (9078892) **4.00** Infatuation (2125076) **4.30** Crosswits (6334291) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75142502) **5.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (7961328) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3622279) **6.30** Infatuation UK (2126705) **7.00** Crosswits (6680279) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6027960) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6513989) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (5128250) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (5138637) **11.00** Sex Life (9065328) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7632415)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tinin (7250) **5.30** The Trick (1328) **6.00** My Two Dads (1589) **6.30** Catchphrase (5521) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (4786) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (48182) **8.30** Duty Free (2569) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: Means of Evil (99163) **11.00** Lou Grant (20322) **12.00** Zorro (71309) **12.30pm** The Tick (36748) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (34564) **1.30** Rhoda (82699) **2.00** Moonlighting (64258) **3.00** Lou Grant (56583) **4.00** Rhoda (29767) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (22729)

MTV
6.00am Wildside (34039) **6.30** The Grind (74540) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4265637) **7.15** Wildside (5362453) **8.00** VJ Ingo (884569) **11.00** Soul (99347) **12.00** Greatest Hits (33144) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (42892) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52793786) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (4301250) **3.00** Cinematic (5819144) **3.15** Afternoon Mix (9333958) **4.00** News (6850637) **4.15** Afternoon Mix (6833960) **4.30** Dial MTV (2434) **5.00** The Zig and Zag Show (6908) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (73366) **7.00** Greatest Hits (89786) **8.00** Most Wanted (41298) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (34873) **10.00** News (832786) **10.15** Cinematic (660569) **10.30** The Worst of Most Wanted (15250) **11.00** The End? (81637) **12.30am** The Grind (38106) **1.00** Soul (81019) **2.00** Videos (8226800)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8229415) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7222095) **12.00** The Bridge (6466927) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1552250) **2.30** Heart and Soul (5053540) **3.30** Into the Music (3526502) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4413521) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8292076) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8048989) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (8057637) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8037873) **10.00** The Bridge (8030960) **11.00** The Nightfly (8249279) **12.00** VH-1 to 1: Joe Cocker (9359787) **12.30am** The Nightfly (6425670) **1.00** Ten of the Best (6417106) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (2311854)

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, incl **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (78974057) **8.00** Alif Laila (49076873) **8.30** Rishtey (49075144) **9.00** Pakistan Business Update (49088724) **9.30** Doosra Aasman (40512182) **10.30** Start Sound (49095906) **11.00** Galaxee (71600328) **11.30** Kalyan (71601057) **12.00** Campus (49079960) **12.30pm** Khana Khazana (76148618) **1.00** Urdu FILM: Anari (49945837) **4.00** Mujrim Hazir (64882618) **4.30** Wagle Ki Duniyan (64871502) **5.00** Udan Choo (91687057) **5.30** Rishtey (64895182) **6.00** Zindagi Ek Safar (64892095) **6.30** Campus (64883347) **7.00** Hindi Sitcom (91670521) **7.30** Film Deewane (64872231) **8.00** News, Zee and U (91898569) **8.30** Banegi Apni Baat (91675076) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: The Dilip Kumar Season (76943892)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Crowd (1928) (95549960) Theme Spotlight on Edward G. Robinson **9.00 The Biggest Bundle of Them All** (1968) (20522163) **11.00 A Dispatch from Reuters** (1940) (68494057) **12.35am I Loved a Woman** (1933) (73690922) **2.10-4.00 The Biggest Bundle of Them All** (1968). As 9pm (67011125)

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Former world champion departs from McLaren after brief and ill-fated alliance

Mansell's career is flagged to a halt

BY OLIVER HOLT

A BRIEF statement couched in the cold language of bureaucrats and lawyers appeared to bring Nigel Mansell's glorious motor racing grand prix career to an inauspicious end yesterday. McLaren, the team of his ill-starred twilight days, announced that they and the 1992 world champion had "decided to end their current formula one agreement" and that he would not even be given the luxury of a glittering send-off in the Monaco Grand Prix this weekend.

Although the statement, issued from McLaren's headquarters in Woking, spoke only of a "suspension of the relationship" between team and driver, the split is almost certain to be final. From the beginning, it was evident that this was a marriage made in hell. Yesterday, both partners thankfully escaped each other's clutches and sought sanctuary in a quickie divorce.

As the team announced that Mark Blundell, its test driver, would drive for McLaren in Monte Carlo and at the next race in Canada, Mansell admitted he had "no immediate plans in Formula One". It is hard to see any way back for him. Even those prepared to keep the faith after his lacklustre performances with McLaren would baulk at his salary demands now. There are no vacancies in the leading teams, anyway, and with his 42nd birthday only three months away there is no future in a trip to the lower end of the grid.

Bernie Ecclestone, Formula One's impresario and for so long Mansell's champion, was first to offer a bitter-sweet valediction. "It is a great shame Nigel could not have left Formula One by winning a couple of races," he said. "I do not like to see him leaving like this. But he is a competitive animal and I guess he just thought he could not do himself justice. I do not think he really gave himself a fair chance but the decision was reached between him and the team."

Whether he chooses to take refuge in the sumptuous new golf course and country club he is building in Devon or to limit himself to guesting in a few races in other disciplines, it is unlikely that Mansell will be left wanting financially. There was no official hint yesterday about how much of the £7 million salary he had hoped to earn this year he had been able to salvage, but early suggestions were that it may be about £2 million.

For McLaren and its managing director, Ron Dennis, the alliance with Mansell was an unmitigated disaster, the latest mistake in the slow demise of a team once all-powerful. It became evident during the driver's first test in the car in Estoril, Portugal, in February, that the cockpit was too small for him and he was forced to miss the first two grands prix of the season while new, wider-bodied versions were built for him at a cost of £500,000.

When he made his long-awaited return at Imola last month, it was clear he was dismayed by the car's lack of competitiveness. He finished tenth there but ten days ago he retired in the early stages of the Spanish Grand Prix even though there were no mechanical problems with the car, alarmed by its poor handling. McLaren and their new engine partners, Mercedes, were furious at his apparent lack of commitment after the team had worked day and night to prepare the car. Dennis visited him in Devon last weekend where it appears they both decided to cut their losses.

"The performance of the 1995 car has not met the expectations of both parties so far this year," Dennis said yesterday. "Nigel has not felt confident within the car and this has affected his ability to commit fully to the programme. In these circumstances, I believe that we have determined the most appropriate course of action. The relationship has been short and it has obviously not achieved the results anticipated by either party."

Mansell was in Devon yesterday, contemplating a future outside the sport. He has dabbled with retirement before, of course, during his second year with Ferrari in 1990 and shortly after clinching the world championship with Williams in 1992, when he eventually left Formula One for IndyCar racing in the United States. This time, though, he appears to have few options.

"At this stage of my career," he said, "I had expected, on joining McLaren, that the total package would have given me the possibility to be competitive with the other top teams. I have certainly enjoyed many aspects of my relationship with the team and working with them has been a unique experience. They are undoubtedly building a future which will, I am sure, be successful in the long term. I have no immediate plans in Formula One but have welcomed the opportunity to keep in touch with the team, with whom I have parted on the best possible terms. I am obviously disappointed that the relationship with McLaren and Mercedes, which could have achieved so much, has been concluded early."

Amid the drama of Mansell's demise, the appointment of Blundell, who proved such a capable replacement for him at the start of the season, was relegated to a sideshow. "It is a fantastic opportunity for me," he said. "I will be doing the next two races and then I will sit down with Ron and discuss what the future holds. I have just come back from testing the car in Barcelona and we have made some steady progress. It is improving slowly but surely and there are possibilities for us to go and achieve some good results."

Chequered career, page 42



Mansell, right, and Dennis, the managing director of McLaren, are deep in thought at their last public appearance together on Monday. Photograph: Tony White

NIGEL MANSELL

1953: Born Aug 8, Upton-on-Severn.
1976: First car race, Mallory Park. Wins in a Formula Ford Hawke DL11
1977: Breaks neck in a Formula Ford. Told he might never drive again
1980: Makes Grand Prix debut, Austria, in a Lotus. Retires with blown engine, suffering petrol burns.
1985: Switches to Williams and scores first win in European Grand Prix at Brands Hatch.
1986: Blows tyre in last race of season in Adelaide, robbing him of the world championship, won by Alain Prost.
1987: Finishes runner-up again, to Nelson Piquet.
1990: Breaks Stirling Moss's 30-year record of 16 grand prix wins by Englishman in British GP at Silverstone.
1991: Runner-up for third time
1992: Becomes world champion with nine wins in 16 races. Gives him career total of 30 victories, beating Jackie Stewart's record of 27
1993: Fails to reach agreement with Williams for new season and launches new career in IndyCar racing with Newman-Haas Lola. Defies critics by winning PPG Cup at first attempt.
1994: Agrees F1 return with Williams two months after Ayrton Senna's death. Competes in four races in between IndyCar commitments, winning final race of season in Adelaide.
1995: Signs £5-million one-year deal with McLaren.

Gascoigne, Ince and four new faces in squad for Umbro Cup

BY PETER BALL

TERRY VENABLES threw caution to the winds yesterday when he named Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince in the England squad to contest the Umbro Cup, the four-nation tournament, next month.

With Brazil, Sweden and Japan taking part, the tournament offers Venables his only opportunity of competitive fixtures ahead of the European championships, to be held in England next summer, so the squad is a revealing one. It is also, apart from the predictable, but regrettable, omission of Matthew Le Tissier and the injured Rob Jones and Steve Howey, an exciting one.

As well as the return of Gascoigne, the selection of Stan Collymore, the Nottingham Forest forward, and the surprise inclusion of Gary Neville, the young Manchester United defender, will stimulate interest. John Scales, the Liverpool centre half, and Ian Walker, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, are also brought in to the squad for the first time.

More contentiously, there is a recall for David Batty in place of Tim Sherwood, his captain at Blackburn Rovers, who was unavailable. Batty, like Gascoigne, last played in the match against Denmark 14 months ago, which was Venables's first game in charge.

But, inevitably, it is Gascoigne and Ince who are the focus of attention. Gascoigne is included after just one full match since his latest comeback from injury, with his career in Italy apparently over, and his future uncertain.

"He always seems to have been at a critical stage in his career as long as I've known him," Venables said at Elland Road yesterday. "I'm not sure if he is ready, that will be up to me to judge when I've seen him in training. It is a bit of an unknown situation, but he is much better off being with us than going on holiday."

That, at least, is unarguable. But, although a fit Gascoigne would add immeasurably to England's potential, his selection still seems to indicate his talismanic importance to the national coach, a role similar to that held by Bryan Robson in the mind of Venables's predecessor, Bobby Robson.

Venables is not the only one willing to take a gamble on Gascoigne, however, with Leeds United, Glasgow Rangers and Aston Villa among the clubs eager to add him to their staff. Venables insisted yesterday that there would be no negotiations, and no agents doing transfer business, in the team hotel while the tournament is in progress.

If Gascoigne's future remains uncertain, Paul Ince's will be decided at Croydon magistrates' court today, where he is appearing on an assault charge. Although Ray Parlour, the Arsenal midfield player, was removed yesterday from the under-21 squad to play Latvia at Burnley on June 7 after his recent court appearance in Hong Kong, and Ince was left out of the friendly with Uruguay in March, the Manchester United midfield player was included in yesterday's squad.

"It is so difficult," Venables said. "We haven't got a lot of experience in dealing with this kind of thing, so we are dealing with each one on its merits as it comes up. At the moment, the case is undecided. I will have to wait and see what happens."

Collymore has forced his way into the squad, impressing Venables in last month's get-together. On recent form, he will provide a serious challenge to Andy Cole and Alan Shearer for a place in the starting line-up. The only question now is whether the recent formation utilises England's impressive fire-power to its best advantage.

Neville's rise has been even quicker, the 20-year-old coming into the squad without even taking part in one of the preliminary get-togethers. He has only won a permanent place in the first team at Old Trafford in the past three months, but his maturity and composure stood out during a trying season.

"His temperament looks good," Venables said. "On Saturday in the Cup Final he moved his position to centre half and looked as if he had played there all his life."

Venables was almost right. Neville's England youth caps came as a centre half.

☐ Romario will not be appearing in the the Umbro Cup because of club commitments but there are seven other members of Brazil's World Cup-winning side in the 22-man squad named yesterday. Jorginho, Cafu, Aldair and Marcio Santos played in defence, Dunga and Zinho in midfield and Bebeto as a forward in the team that beat Italy on penalties in the World Cup final last year.

Rijkaard's final goal, page 40

SQUAD

T Flowers (Blackburn Rovers), I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), W Barton (Wimbledon), G Neville (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United), J Scales (Liverpool), G La Saux (Blackburn Rovers), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), D Batty (Blackburn Rovers), D Platt (Sampdoria), P Ince (Manchester United), P Gascoigne (Lazio), J Barnes (Liverpool), S McManaman (Liverpool), N Barmby (Tottenham Hotspur), P Beardsley (Newcastle United), A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), S Collymore (Nottingham Forest), A Cole (Manchester United), E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur).

Stand-by players: D James (Liverpool), R Shaw (Crystal Palace), C Cooper (Nottingham Forest).



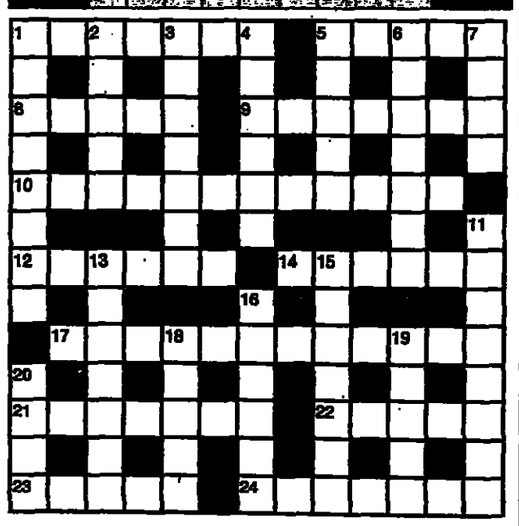
Neville: exciting prospect



Batty: contentious choice



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 478

ACROSS
1 Light axe (7)
5 Confronted; coated (5)
8 Pipe-lighter; slop (5)
9 Vending machine (7)
10 Derbys. mansion of Bess of Shrewsbury (8,4)
12 Even; unctuous (6)
14 Fat schoolboy of Greyfriars (6)
17 I won't cooperate (7,5)
21 (Horse) failure to jump (7)
22 Principal German river (5)
23 Moneybag; contract (lips) (5)
24 Hooked-needle craft (7)

DOWN
1 Highly secret (4-4)
2 One making effort: 22land city (5)
3 Stupid person (7)
4 Hypnotic state (6)
5 Bring (5)
6 Court of King Arthur (7)
7 Obligation (4)
11 Broken-off piece (8)
13 Available (cheap) (2,5)
15 To experience (7)
16 As a group (2,4)
18 Speed (5)
19 — bull, coffee, stew (5)
20 Trick; two-wheeled carriage (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 477

ACROSS: 1 Flapjack 7 Aorta 8 Inside job 9 Set 10 Tale 11 Clutch 13 A level 14 Tip off 17 Sapper 18 Slab 20 Sit 22 The Wrekin 23 Alike 24 Internal

DOWN: 1 Feint 2 Absolve 3 Judo 4 Cajole 5 Brash 6 Mastiff 7 Abstain 12 Respite 13 Abysmal 15 Oilskin 16 Aegean 17 Strip 19 Banal 21 True

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